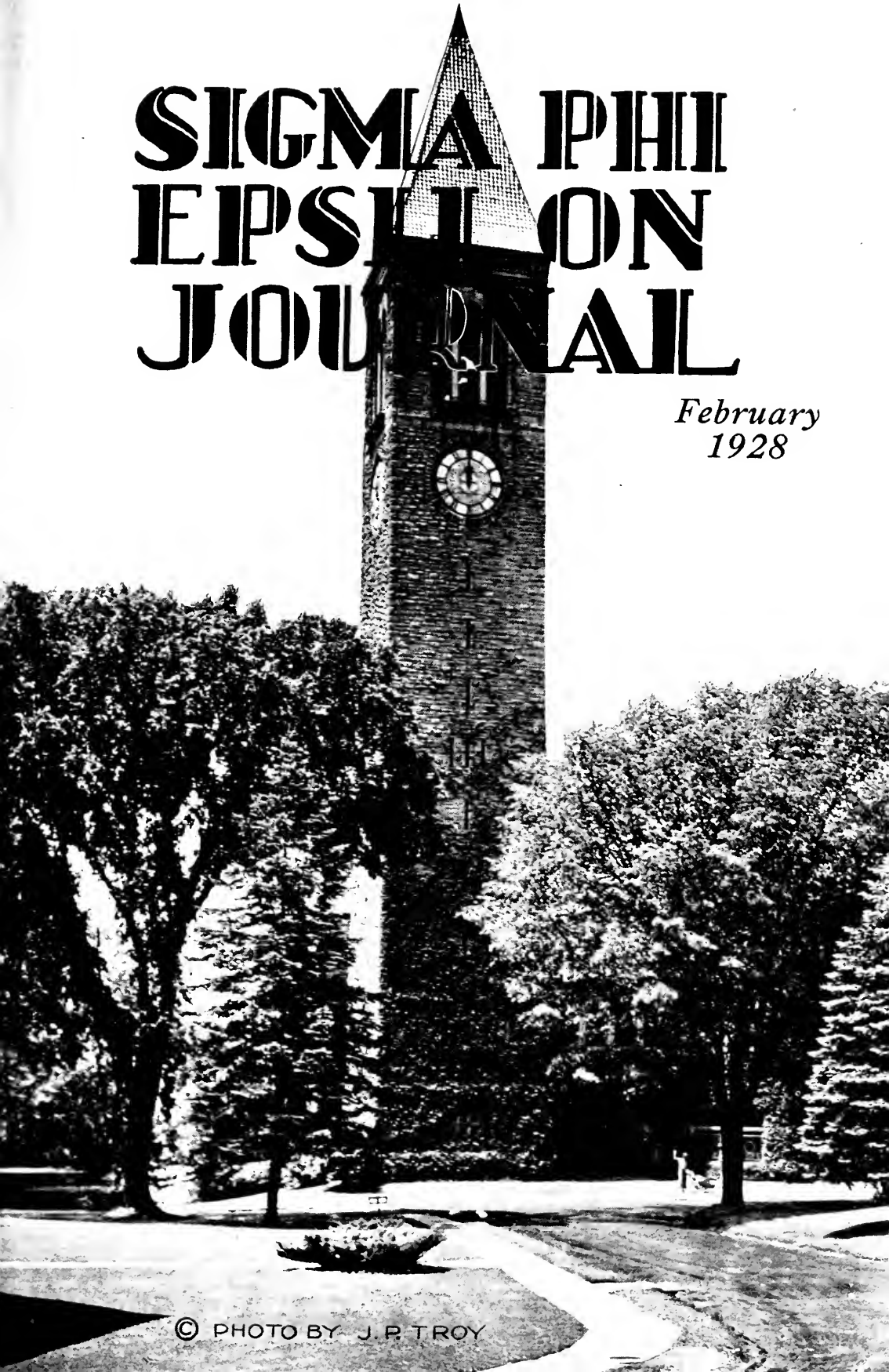


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IT is from the selection of variations,
not from the preservation of uni-
formities, that progress is born. We
do not want to make our state a cattle-yard
in which only the shepherd shall know one
beast from another. Rather we may hope
to bring from the souls of men and women
their richest fruition. If they have intelli-
gence we shall ask its application to our
problems. If they have courage we shall
ask the aid of its compelling will. We
shall make the basis of our state consent to
disagreement. Therein shall we ensure its
deepest harmony.

—HAROLD J. LASKI.

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Grand Secretary Phillips Is Elected Vice-Chairman of Interfraternity Conference

SIGMA Phi Epsilon and Grand Secretary Phillips were signal-ly honored at the nineteenth annual session of the Interfraternity Conference when Brother Phillips was chosen by that body as vice-chairman for the current year. His selection as vice-chairman was the result of the recommendation of the committee on nominations appointed by the out-going president under provisions of the constitution of the conference, the report of that committee upon all officers being unanimously accepted.

Following the seventeenth session of the conference in 1925 a vacancy occurred on the executive committee and Grand Secretary Phillips, although living at a distance from New York where all meetings are held and all other officers reside, was chosen to fill the vacancy. Prior to that he had for many years served on the committee on nominations.

During the nineteen years the Interfraternity Conference has held its annual meetings in New York the Grand Secretary of Sigma Phi Epsilon has been a faithful attendant, having missed but one session. These

years of attendance have made him a familiar figure among the older fraternity executives and have given him an exceptionally wide acquaintance among fraternity officers of the nearly-seventy fraternities that comprise the conference membership.

Harold Riegelman, Zeta Beta Tau, was advanced from vice-chairman to chairman of the conference, Judge William R. Bayes, Phi Delta Theta, being the outgoing chairman.

The conference has recently undertaken the work of encouraging the organization of new fraternities to serve the needs of the tremendously increased enrollment in the colleges and universities of the country. Under its leadership a number of local fraternities were brought together and organized into a national fraternity of ample proportions and the conference has compiled a list of local fraternities in colleges throughout the United States which desire to become chapters of national fraternities. Many national fraternities, it is said, have taken advantage of the opportunity to get in touch with local fraternities in colleges in which they are not represented.

The August Conclave Will Be Held in Seattle, Washington

WITH the Ninth District of the fraternity as hosts and with the Puget Sound Alumni Chapter and Washington Beta as masters of ceremonies, the next Conclave will be held in Seattle, Wash., opening on August 22nd and ending its official sessions on the 25th of that month.

All alumni organizations on the west coast will cooperate in holding the Conclave but particularly those located in the Pacific Northwest. The Seattle organization, which operates under the name of Puget Sound Alumni Chapter, is a chapter enrolling in its membership Sig Eps in several surrounding cities. In many of the smaller cities of Washington are local groups of Sig Eps not officially organized into associations or chapters and these in the past have not been slow to evidence their interest in fraternity affairs. In Portland, Ore., is an alumni association which, a night's ride from Seattle, will join forces in the celebration and near and about both Oregon Alpha at Corvallis and Oregon Beta at Eugene are many scattered alumni. On the eastern side of the state is situated Spokane in which we have an alumni association and near at hand a chapter, Washington Alpha, whose alumni for more than fifteen years have been settling in various parts of Washington and Idaho.

Plans for the Conclave will be developed by the Puget Sound Alumni Chapter and Grand Historian O. E. Draper who resides in Seattle. Freeman C. S. Schaar is president of the Puget Sound chapter, other offi-

cers being Prof. Winifred W. Bird, G. Kenneth Hillman, Herbert Zobrist, Allen A. Weymouth, W. Ward Davison and Edwin B. Scotten. A great advantage is had when a Conclave is held in a city in which we have an active chapter and Seattle is fortunate in this respect. Washington Beta at the University of Washington in Seattle is a big, flourishing chapter that ranks with the best. The University of Washington is one of the larger state universities of the country and the presence of our chapter in this institution solves a problem that under other circumstances is vexatious in securing attractive partners for social events. The sorority membership at the University of Washington is large and its quality all that could be desired. The ever-cool summer weather of Seattle will lend zest to dancing and probably make heavy demands for frivolous femininity.

Among features of entertainment being considered is a trip to the Can-



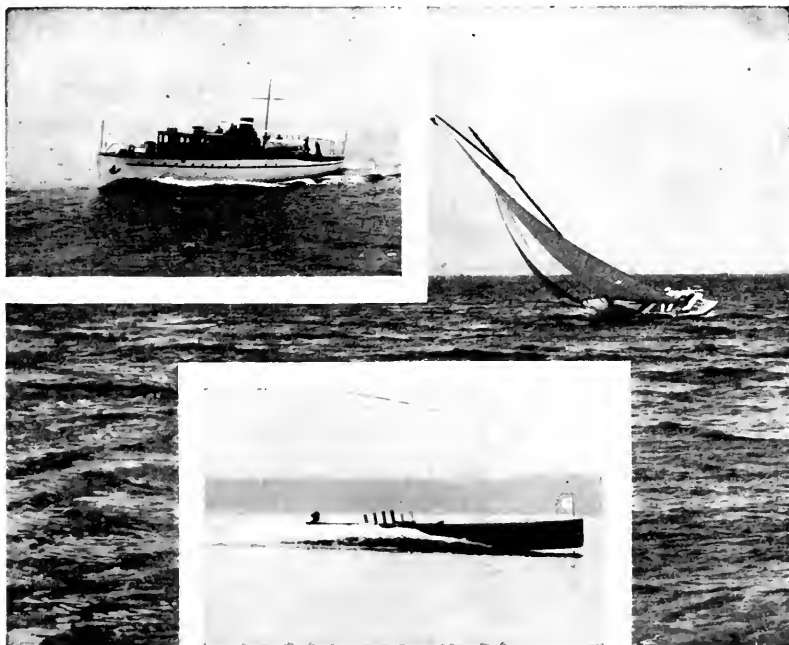
View of the University of Washington campus showing the Museum with the old library to the left.

adian city Victoria on Vancouver Island by boat. With ladies present there would be dancing during the trip up Puget Sound, with gorgeous scenery along the shore line and at the destination the enjoyable experience of exploring a charming town, quite English in character. A trip up to the snow line of Mount Ranier is also being considered with other excursions into the wilds of nature.

When the Conclave is over some attractive travel can be enjoyed by those who care for it. For a very few extra dollars you may route your return by way of California or you may take that portion of the trip by boat. And nothing finer in scenic interest may be found than the boat trip to Alaska from Seattle. Another scenic treat may be had by those who pass through Portland, Ore., in a trip

up the Columbia river gorge where a silver river banked by towering peaks, forest jungles and waterfalls of ravishing beauty winds its way from the Cascades to the sea. By boat or by auto it can be seen and should not be overlooked by any who have not enjoyed that experience.

At a later date plans will be announced by which members from the East may join each other on a train out of Chicago, going by the northern route, and have the three-days' travel in agreeable fraternity company. Many southern members can better take a southern route to the Conclave and probably no attempt will be made to secure a special train but it is certain that large delegations will converge at several points and those who attend become intimately acquainted on the respective trains.

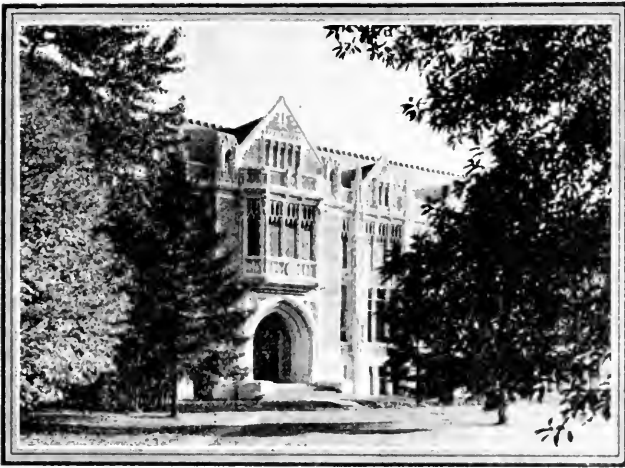


What kind of boating do you prefer? Take your choice of the three shown above for your entertainment incidental to the Seattle Conclave next August. The ocean, the sound or Lake Washington await your choice.

BUILDINGS
ON
UNIVERSITY
OF
WASHINGTON
CAMPUS



Above — Commerce Hall.



Left—One of the entrances to Education Hall, the administration building.

Right — The old Administration Hall, the first building on the campus.



Seattle, the Conclave City

By W. W. BIRD
Wisconsin Alpha

SEATTLE—the Charmed Land—awaits the coming of the next Conclave of Sigma Phi Epsilon scheduled for August 22 to 25. Seldom does one find a city of such natural beauty and suitable location which so excellently satisfies the needs of a national convention.

Kipling once said that "East is East and West is West, And never the twain shall meet." However, the well-known author could never have visited in the Pacific Northwest or

sounds like a fairy tale come true for nature has combined to make the Puget Sound country of the Pacific Northwest a summer playground of the nation. In Seattle you will find a climate that permits swimming and tennis-playing in January, where roses bloom the year around and yet, during the summer, balmy days permit all kinds of activity which harsh eastern heat prevents.

Seattle, situated on numerous hills, faces to the west the lordly Olympic



Seattle Water Front from West Seattle

rather the city which is the gateway to the Orient as well as the gateway to Alaska, for in Seattle as nowhere in the rest of the United States, with the possible exception of New York, does one meet the representatives of all nations. Seattle is closer to the Orient than any other Western coast city and, because of this proximity, trade thrives with the result that huge ships constantly dock at this western port laden with cargoes of silk, tea, hemp, chinaware, and other products.

A description of Seattle usually

Mountains and to the South is Mount Rainier. To the North is Mount Baker and just beyond the waters of Lake Washington, a beautiful body of water twenty-seven miles long inside the city limits, can be seen the majestic snow-capped Cascades.

Seattle's 420,000 residents have playgrounds whose area is more than twice that of New York's Central Park, where one may sea-bathe and lake-bathe, picnic, canoe, fish, play tennis or golf, ride horseback for miles through formal landscaped beauty,

listen to band concerts or may drive from park to park over superb boulevards which take one from formal beauty in one park to natural beauty in others where man's work could not outdo the work of nature. As one drives along, in the distance can be seen snow-capped mountains with lake or ocean in the foreground.

Seattle has grown to be one of the world's trade centers. It has combined a good harbor, located on world trade routes, with location in the heart of a region rich in basic resources and raw material, with fine railroad facilities, favorable climatic conditions and cooperation among its citizens. One of Seattle's greatest assets is the location of the state university within its boundaries. With the most beautiful campus in the world located on 582 acres of land, buildings have been erected that add

to the natural beauty of the place. More than 7,000 students attend this institution which has higher standards of admission than any other state-supported school in the West.

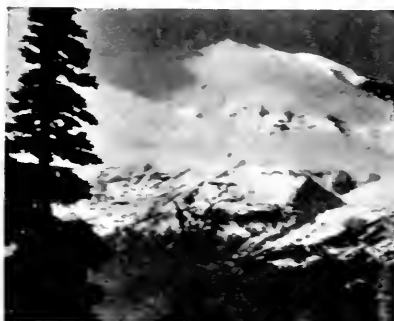


Mr. Shuksan, located in Mt. Baker National Forest, a few hours by auto from Seattle.

Public schools as well as private have succeeded in placing the city second in school efficiency in the United States. Some of the high school buildings are considered the most beautiful west of the Mississippi.

Eleven golf links make the Scotchman's game a popular one in this western city. Weather conditions make it possible during the whole year and public links, unsurpassed anywhere, eliminates golf as the rich man's game.

After one has visited in the city, has taken the trip through the Lake Washington Canal and locks which connect the Pacific Ocean with Lake Union and Lake Washington and which lifts larger vessels than any other government locks except those



*—Country of Seattle
Chamber of Commerce*

From the business district of Seattle to the wilds of nature on Mt. Rainier requires only a car, a little time and the inclination. No other city has such scenic attractions at its very gates.

at Panama, there are still a number of trips to the mountains, to lakes, through Puget Sound vicinity, to Canada, all of which intrigue one so that it is hard to decide which comes first.

Probably the most enthralling trip available is the one to Mount Ranier where one finds more glaciers than in all of Switzerland. There is hiking over the glaciers, mountain climbing, horse-back riding and all sorts of snow sports in the middle of summer, a condition that one will not find elsewhere unless a trip is made to Europe. An unbelievable growth of flowers and the majesty of the mountain virtually overwhelms one at Mount Ranier.

Another mountain park which has not been open to the public long is the Mount Baker National Forest. There one finds a scene terrifyingly

Lake Crescent is one of the lakes which are famous for fishing facilities in the Northwest. Fishing is more than a sport, it is a rite. Lake Chelan, Long Lake, Lake Nooksack



Scene on the University of Washington campus.

and Lake Sammamish are other sources for fishing.

If one desires to see the Puget Sound country with the minimum amount of effort, an interesting way is by means of boat trips. One of the most famous throughout the United States is the voyage through the San Juan Islands, which is filled with beauty spots offering idyllic camping places. Despite the fact that some parts are well populated, in others, man has not intruded.

After convention days why not a trip to Canada? Or a ten-day tour of Alaska? If one prefers the Canadian destination, Victoria, "the town more English than England," is one of the



The largest log cabin in the world, situated on the University of Washington campus.

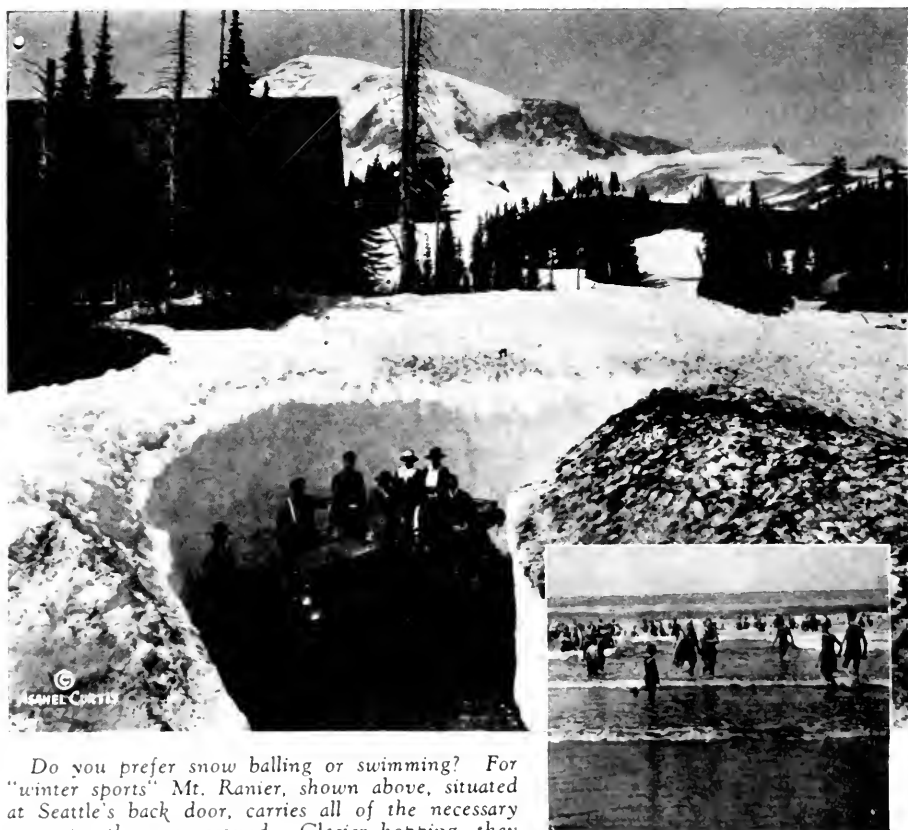
beautiful, with glaciers and ice-caves, canyons and snow peaks still primal and sublime. Mount Baker and Shuskan are the two outstanding peaks in this park which attracts thousands of visitors every year.

most picturesque spots and is only four hours' boat ride from Seattle on beautiful Puget Sound. Then, Vancouver, a thriving city on the mainland, is only 150 miles north of Seattle.

When one considers Seattle with her great amount of diversions, the nearby resorts, the proximity of Canada, is it any wonder that Seattle is considered the ideal convention city? We are sure that after the Conclave is over you will agree with Otis Skinner when he said, "Of all the cities I visit, Seattle intrigues me most. It seems to grow by magic. Its beauty,

its people, its initiative, its hospitality make Seattle a city you cannot resist."

Thus we have presented merely a glimpse of the Charmed Land. You cannot get the whole beautiful picture until you come, as our guest, to Seattle the home of the 1928 national Conclave of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity!



Do you prefer snow balling or swimming? For "winter sports" Mt. Ramier, shown above, situated at Seattle's back door, carries all of the necessary requisites the year around. Glacier hopping, they say, is great sport. Try it here if you want to.

Kappa Sigma has completed a year under new scholarship policies, directed by a scholarship commissioner, with a record of marked improvement by pledges in fifty-seven per cent of the chapters; by the freshmen in fifty-seven per cent of the chapters; by the sophomores in forty-six per cent; by the juniors in fifty-two per cent; and by the seniors in forty-seven per cent. The increase in students who passed successfully in 100 per cent of their work was striking.

Interfraternity Conference Meets

CONSIDERATION of the relations of fraternity men to their colleges, to each other and to other students, and a careful study of many suggestions for improving the fraternity system was the keynote of the nineteenth annual Interfraternity Conference at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, November 25 and 26, 1927. Sixty-two fraternities were represented by 220 delegates and guests, Sigma Phi Epsilon representatives being Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips, Grand Vice President Clifford B. Scott, Grand Marshal W. M. Francis and Auditor Robert Y. Edwards. The Conference entertained ten official representatives of college and university faculties in the persons of deans, presidents and other educators from all over the country.

Inspirational addresses were given by U. S. Commissioner of Education John J. Tigert, Dr. Francis W. Shephardson, national president of Beta Theta Pi, Dr. Josiah Penniman, provost of the University of Pennsylvania and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of the Madison Avenue Methodist Church of New York City. The work of the Conference was characterized by a return to the former method of discussion on the floor of vital topics. The committee reports were particularly excellent, and carefully considered by the delegates.

Chairman Bayes Reports Progress

Reviewing briefly the work of the Conference during the year, Chairman William R. Bayes, Phi Delta Theta, referred especially to the share fraternities had taken in the educational process, the work of the various committees and the repeal of anti-fraternity laws in South Carolina, the final state to expunge such laws.

Judge Bayes recommended the

adoption of some scholarship standard for fraternities by which they might be freed of the willfully indolent and ne'er-do-well members; further study of important national fraternity problems such as taxation of property and college visitation; campus conferences to instill in undergraduates the same feelings of mutual esteem now enjoyed by alumnus fraternity members; and greater stress on training for citizenship of fraternity men.

New Fraternities Admitted

Five fraternities, Secretary Robert H. Neilson, Delta Phi, reported had been admitted to junior membership in the Conference, Beta Kappa, Delta Sigma Lambda, Alpha Phi Delta, Alpha Lambda Tau, and Phi Alpha, and that during the year Phi Beta Delta, formerly a junior member of the Conference, had become a senior member.

Mr. Neilson announced the appointment of a conference committee of information under the chairmanship of William L. Phillips, Sigma Phi Epsilon, to prepare a working manual of fraternity internal organization for the use of member fraternities and their officers.

The treasurer of the Conference, Clifford M. Swan, reported that the membership was now sixty-three fraternities—forty-nine seniors and fourteen juniors. The finances of the Conference were shown to be in good condition.

Chester W. Cleveland, Sigma Chi, president of the College Fraternity Editors' Association, called attention to the publication of *The Fraternity Editors Handbook* for the use of fraternity and sorority editors, and to the second publication of the Editors Association, *A Brief History of Inter-*



*Interfraternity Conference
Held at Princeton University*

INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE BANQUET, NOVEMBER 26, 1927

fraternity Journalistic Conferences. Cleveland said that in advocating a "Pan-Hellenic Council" it was a fraternity editor in 1883 who had first laid the foundation for the present Interfraternity Conference.

Chapter House Architecture Book on Way

In his report as Chairman of the Committee on Architecture, Mr. Oswald C. Hering, Delta Kappa Epsilon, promised that the completed book on fraternity house building would be ready next year. It will include chapters on house planning (the subject of this year's report), the ethics of architecture, reasons for proper design of chapter houses, costs and raising money, with many illustrations. Mr. Hering showed lantern slides of about forty interiors and exteriors of chapter houses from all parts of the country, using them to illustrate his remarks on chapter house planning. These pictures will appear in the book. The formal report of the committee is an elaboration of points to be considered in planning a chapter house, and is available in printed form.

Case Made for Tax Exemption

In presenting the printed report of the law committee, Chairman Harold Riegelman, Zeta Beta Tau, a prominent New York attorney, estimated that the real property owned by college fraternities in the United States may be conservatively estimated at more than \$50,000,000. He said, further, that figures from six fraternities at Ithaca, New York, showed an annual average tax burden of \$55.75 for each active member of a fraternity, whereas the largest annual tuition there was but \$250 a year. Of the taxes paid, \$21 is devoted to maintenance of city schools.

Twelve states exempt college fraternity property from taxation, either

by express statute, judicial construction, or by custom. These include Delaware, Florida, North Dakota, Vermont, Indiana, Nevada, Kansas, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee and Idaho. All other states do not specifically include fraternities among exempt institutions. Every state, except Utah, however, does exempt educational institutions from taxation; in Utah private educational institutions pay property taxes.

Discussing whether college fraternity property is properly taxable, the law committee presented in detail the record of all cases on the subject, giving the arguments advanced for and against exemption of fraternity real property. It was pointed out that fraternities are now even more than in the past true educational institutions and as such should be exempt from local taxation.

Regional Organizations Functioning

James Duane Livingston, Delta Phi, reporting for the committee on regional organization, of which he is chairman, said that local interfraternity committees had been formed and were functioning in San Francisco, Atlanta, Richmond and Minneapolis, to carry on the work of the Interfraternity Conference.

Floyd Field, dean of men, Georgia School of Technology, announced for the southeastern interfraternity committee, comprising the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, that on January 21, 1928, an all-day conference is to be held of the thirty or thirty-five fraternities represented there, to discuss questions of interest on local campuses and the work of the Interfraternity Conference. Edward E. Nicholson, dean of students, University of Minnesota, reported for the Minneapolis committee and suggested that not only is it necessary to get the opinions of college administrators on fraternity

affairs, but also those of local alumni, and that local progress must be made in that direction. Albert S. Bard, Chi Psi, suggested that fraternity alumni living in college towns should form local groups for the discussion of common problems, and said that such a group had been formed at Amherst.

Sockman Quotes Plato

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Phi Delta Theta, pastor of the Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, told the Conference that the four cardinal virtues of Plato—wisdom, temperance, justice and courage—are in effect the ideals of the college fraternity. The college fraternity is one of the means of transforming men from misers of knowledge to users of wisdom; of giving their members a real passion for learning instead of being merely the receivers of knowledge. College fraternities can supply to their members the deficiencies of that education which is conceived merely in lecture room forums.

Temperance is not mental neutrality—but the ability to mix the elements of life in proper proportions. It is so easy to be an extremist today. We have to have self-control before there is any self-expression worthy of the name and it is the laboratory of the college fraternity in which the boy learns, as perhaps nowhere else, how to mix the elements of his developing life in a way that results in self-expression rather than self-explosion.

Real justice—that is putting yourself in the other fellow's place—takes imagination and insight. Where is there any institution like the college fraternity that can teach a man how to get into the other fellow's place without treading on his toes, without interfering with his personality,

without breaking in on the reserve of a gentleman?

Courage is both physical and mental, the one to be perpetuated by a true idea of sportsmanship, and the other the mental and moral courage to face facts, to be hospitable to facts that may disarrange your mental household when you let them in, courage to think with the minority and think independently. We have to break this standardization of the mind and standardization of the conscience which means moral and intellectual mediocrity, if our college enterprise is not to fall of its own weight.

Scholarship Is Improving

In connection with the report of the scholarship committee, showing the comparative scholarship record of member fraternities, based on 1750 chapters in 119 colleges, representing more than 50,000 students, Alvan E. Duerr, Delta Tau Delta, chairman, pointed out that it was the desire of the Conference to help its member fraternities stimulate scholarship, thus aiding college authorities and themselves. He pointed out that college rulings which required higher scholarship average from fraternity members than the general average result in continually raising the general average. This may lead to situations where every member of a chapter may be eligible for graduation, but the chapter itself might lose its charter or initiation privilege because its scholarship average as a chapter is not sufficiently above the general average.

Mr. Duerr said further that the work of the committee shows that the scholarship of fraternity men is improving, and that this year the fraternity averages show a slight gain as compared with the scholarship averages of non-fraternity men.

"One of the encouraging signs that fraternities are giving much

thought and attention to the scholastic standing of their active members," said Mr. Duerr, "is reflected in the legislation that has recently been enacted by them. Of twenty-six national fraternities who reported on their efforts to improve the scholarship of members, all asserted that they were officially promoting higher scholarship standards, and twelve reported definite rules and constitutional provisions with reference to scholarship."

Rushing and Initiation Discussed

Colonel Alexander A. Sharp, Sigma Chi, chairman of the committee on deferred rushing and initiation, reaffirmed in his report the recommendation of the committee last year, namely, that rushing and pledging be held early in the college year, and initiation later, with suitable scholarship standards, as a goal for the freshman to attain.

Dean Edward E. Nicholson of the University of Minnesota, told of the success of deferred pledging at his institution. He stated that the fraternities themselves adopted the regulation, and that they were pleased with the results.

Decided opposition to the deferred pledging plan was voiced by Dr. Joseph C. Nate and Dr. Francis W. Shephardson. Both felt that reducing the number of years a man could be in a fraternity was a grave mistake. Dr. Shephardson believes it impossible to make a rule that would be fair to both the large university and the small college. Referring to the dormitory situation, he stated that in all his travels he has never found a dormitory where the so-called kindly guidance of the college during the freshman year was proving an advantage.

Various arguments, pro and con, were advanced in the course of the discussion, a general feeling develop-

ing that the problem was one to be solved by the respective institutions rather than by the Conference.

Expansion Committee Has Records

The report of the committee on expansion, read by Chairman Dr. Charles W. Gerstenberg, Delta Chi, outlined the work of organizing and maintaining a record of local fraternities that might be available as chapters to national fraternities. Questionnaires were sent to more than 300 colleges, with favorable results, 55 institutions reporting 74 locals as ready to nationalize. These files are available to any qualified fraternity officer.

Financial Plans Presented

Two papers on fraternity finances were presented, one by Mr. O. K. Quivey, eminent supreme deputy archon of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the other by George V. Catuna, national counsellor of Theta Chi. The financial plan of Sigma Alpha Epsilon as outlined by Mr. Quivey, embodies five funds: the general, convention, national endowment, *Record* life subscription and scholarship. The grand treasurer receives all payments but holds only the general and convention funds. The other three are entrusted to a Board of Trustees, who invest the money in high grade bonds and real estate mortgages and return the income to the grand treasurer.

The sources of income of Theta Chi, as given by Mr. Catuna, are: head tax, constituting 57.4% of the total income; national convention, 17.7%; royalties, 13.4%; publications and supplies, 9.1%; and interest, 2.4%. Of the expenses, 53.1% are for administrative purposes while 46.9% are for "contact." Mr. Catuna stated that the compulsory budget system was unquestionably a success for the active chapters.

Four Discussion Topics

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Harold P. Flint, Tau Kappa Epsilon, four special topics were discussed as the next part of the program. The first topic, "Cooperation between university administrators and fraternity officials," was led by Mr. Arthur R. Priest, executive secretary of Phi Delta Theta. Mr. Priest emphasized the necessity of cooperation between university and fraternity officials in solving the three big problems of scholarship, finance and chapter house guardianship and supervision. The value of fraternity visitation officials in contacting with deans and other college officials to obtain unbiased statements as to their chapter's conditions was stressed in the discussion that followed.

The second topic, "Undergraduate Chapters in Campus Politics," was presented by Mr. Russell H. Anderson, executive secretary of Delta Upsilon. Referring to a particular western university, Mr. Anderson cited many corrupt practices he had observed. Mr. Flint, commenting on the subject, expressed the belief that campus politics are a good thing if properly administered and conducted and suggested that fraternities wield a wholesome influence upon the political activities of their respective campuses.

"Recent Developments in High School Fraternities" was the subject of the third discussion, also led by Mr. Anderson. High school fraternities are flourishing as never before, stated Mr. Anderson, and eventually college fraternities will have to take cognizance of the situation. They are carried too far in their organization, according to Mr. Anderson, and are casting considerable odium on the college fraternities by their practices.

The final topic for discussion, "The Plan and Possibilities of the Local In-

terfraternity Conference," was presented by Dr. Joseph C. Nate, past grand consul of Sigma Chi. Citing the success of the local conferences held at Ohio Wesleyan and the University of Illinois, he pictured the possible effectiveness of this medium, if extended, in carrying to the campuses throughout the entire country the message of the Interfraternity Conference. Dr. Nate believes that the regional conferences have been valuable for alumni, but that local conferences are absolutely necessary to reach the undergraduates.

Some Business Transacted

In addition to the usual motions arising from reports and general discussion, the Conference amended the by-laws so that upon approval by the executive committee any fraternity which has had junior or other qualified membership in the Conference for one year may be admitted to active or full membership, notwithstanding that it may not have been established for fifteen years, as had previously been required.

Resolutions of respect and regret were adopted, eulogizing two men prominent in interfraternity circles who had died during the year, William C. Levere, former national secretary of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Don R. Almy of the same fraternity and former chairman of the Conference. The Conference rose and stood in silent tribute to their memory.

Miss Louise Leonard, chairman of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress, attended the opening session as a guest and expressed the greetings of that organization. She outlined briefly its program and work among college sororities. Greetings were exchanged with the Association of Law Fraternities meeting at the same time in the same hotel.

New Officers Elected

The following were elected to guide the Conference for the coming year: Chairman, Harold Riegelman, Zeta Beta Tau, Cornell University; Vice Chairman, William L. Phillips, Sigma Phi Epsilon, University of Richmond; Secretary, Clifford M. Swan, Delta Upsilon, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Treasurer, Dr. Charles W. Gerstenberg, Delta Chi, New York University; Educational Advisor, Thomas Arkle Clark, Alpha Tau Omega, University of Illinois; Executive Committee: for the class of 1928, Louis Rouillion, Delta Phi, Cornell; for the class of 1929, W. Elmer Eklaw, Acacia, University of Illinois; Dr. Frank W. Scott, Alpha Tau Omega, University of Illinois; and Wilbur M. Walden, Alpha Chi Rho, Cornell University.

Excellent Speeches at Banquet

In opening the program of the Conference dinner held on Friday night, Toastmaster Henry E. Johnston, Delta Kappa Epsilon, a former chairman of the Conference, said that there would be three addresses; one from a great national educator, one from a great university president and one from a great fraternity man. His prophecy was fulfilled.

Honorable John J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education and president of Phi Delta Theta, warned his hearers that there was still a question mark in the minds of a large part of the public and of the educational world with regard to fraternities, and commended the work of the Interfraternity Conference in its efforts to improve fraternity scholarship and the service of the fraternities to the colleges and universities. He urged that fraternity men keep in mind the principles, standards and ideals upon which fraternities were founded if they would continue to contribute their share and more to

the welfare of education and the general good.

Fraternity Men Have Big Vision

Dr. Josiah Penniman, provost of University of Pennsylvania, addressing the Conference at the dinner Friday evening, likened the fraternity unto a bundle of twigs, "each member of which may not be very important in himself but, bound together becomes an unbreakable band." He stressed the importance of recognizing the ideals upon which our fraternities are based and asserted that fraternities based on genuine friendship have an influence second to none in our universities today.

"If we recognize that fraternities are based on genuine friendship," said Dr. Penniman, "and that such friendship is one of the most potent forces in human life, then we find that fraternities have a place second to no other influence in our universities today. It is a good thing for men to have been associated with their fellows on the terms of which fraternity brethren associate, provided the basis, the fundamental bond, is ideally right."

Fraternity men have a broader vision today, Dr. Penniman believes, than they had formerly. They are seeing the opportunity of exerting beneficial influence upon the life of the institutions and are recognizing the obligations to all others who like them have the common experience of college years behind or before them.

Shephardson Surveys Field

A general air of optimism pervaded the address by Dr. Francis W. Shephardson, president of Beta Theta Pi. He recounted many of the conditions that existed years ago and stated that never before have conditions been so satisfactory as they are today.

"Things which mar the history of

fraternities," he asserted, "would be absolutely impossible of accomplishment today. Harmony and good feeling exist among the leaders. A better feeling is apparent, too, in the colleges and inimical statutes have been abolished."

Dr. Shepardson, who has attended eighteen or nineteen conferences held, has witnessed a great unification of all the fraternities over this period and the development of a "soul" in every one of our great fraternities. "I wonder," queried Dr. Shepardson, "if with this great organization of ours, this thing which we may justly picture—everyone of our fraternities

as a great soul—can it be possible that we haven't an altar? I am thinking of the thing that was in the hearts of the men who founded every one of our fraternities. If we can take the idealism that is in every college fraternity back in the innermost shrine and say to those boys, "Here is the thing our fraternity stands for," then we won't have to discuss rushing rules, deferred pledging or deferred initiation; we won't have to discuss scholarships, finances or any of the other questions. But we must get them to go back and stay at the altar long enough to get the real idea of the fraternity."

Pi Delta Epsilon Offers Cash Prizes in Competition for Journalists

SPONSORING a contest among editors and staff writers on college newspapers throughout the country, Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalism fraternity, is conducting a competition with an award of two series of cash prizes ranging from \$50.00 to \$10.00. One series of prizes will be awarded to writers on all journals and staffs without regard to their membership and a second series will be offered only to members of Pi Delta Epsilon on staffs of college journals in institutions where Pi Delta Epsilon has a chapter.

The contest is for the best editorials written in the academic year 1927-28 and published in a college journal,—monthlies, quarterlies, literary magazines, comics and alumni publications excluded. The editorials will be considered on the basis of their (1) ideas and thought, (2) force, (3) timeliness, (4) style, and such other qualities as the judges see fit. A distin-

guished board of judges will make the decision, among them being Ira E. Bennett, editor of *The Washington Post*; Claude G. Bowers, editor *The World*, New York City; Louis Ludlow, former president, National Press Club and Washington correspondent; Oliver P. Newman, *United States Daily*; and Frederic William Wile, Washington correspondent. The prizes offered are as follows: first, \$50.00, second, \$35.00; third, \$25.00; fourth, \$15.00; fifth, \$10.00. Competing editorials must be submitted in duplicate, one closely trimmed so as not to disclose the name of the paper in which it appeared and the other a marked copy of the paper. July 1, 1928, is the last date upon which editorials will be received. Full information regarding the contest will be given by Dean Henry Grattan Doyle, George Washington University, Washington, D. C., who is grand vice president of Pi Delta Epsilon.

Installation of Alabama Beta

THOMAS R. GRAY
Alabama Alpha

THE installation of Alabama Beta at the University of Alabama was one of unusual interest and importance to all Southern chapters of the fraternity, especially to Alabama Alpha chapter at Auburn.

For five years the local fraternity, Delta Sigma Epsilon, has patiently waited,—and watching over them all through these years were the Birmingham Alumni Association and the Auburn chapter. It is, therefore, with much pleasure that we acclaim to the world that we now have a chapter at the great University of Alabama.

Word was received November 1, that the Executive Committee had acted favorably upon the petition. Plans were made immediately for the installation, which was held December 13 and 14, 1927. Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips arrived Monday evening and set about making arrangements for the initiation. Initiation teams from Alabama Alpha, Florida Alpha, Georgia Alpha and Tennessee Alpha arrived December 13, and started at once making Sig Eps out of the former D. S. E.'s.

Every detail of the ceremony went



INSTALLATION OFFICERS AT ALABAMA BETA

Left to Right, First Row—Rose, Georgia Alpha; DeVaughn, Alabama Alpha; Grand Secretary Phillips; Porter, Virginia Theta; Lassiter, Georgia Alpha. Second Row—Stewart, Alabama Alpha; McAllister, Alabama Alpha; Tudor, Tennessee Alpha; Speigner, Alabama Alpha; Mace, Florida Alpha. Third Row—Gray, Alabama Alpha; White, Florida Alpha; Anderson, Tennessee Alpha; Wilson, Alabama Alpha; Frees, Tennessee Alpha.

off perfectly and by the end of that day twenty had gained that sought-after knowledge we possess. Every team saw plenty of action throughout the proceedings, the work being about equally divided among them.

After dinner Sig Eps went in all directions, but it is said that a slight majority ended up at the Tri Delt and Chi Omega houses. It is really a shame that some of our northern brothers did not meet the queens of the world. Georgia peaches, Florida

for getting the whole group on more familiar terms. Henry J. Porter, president of the Alabama Alumni Association, gave some interesting data on southern expansion. He also gave an insight on Sigma Phi Epsilon as it was twenty years ago.

After the customary lecture, Grand Secretary Phillips formally presented the charter, designating the chapter, Alabama Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The visiting brothers then proceed-



ALABAMA BETA WITH INSTALLATION OFFICERS

sunmaids, Mississippi delters, Tennessee belles and girls from the "Alibami" hills. The last man put to bed that night said he hailed from Tennessee, but was henceforth from "Alibami."

Wednesday morning the remaining candidates were put through, and there was a period of much rejoicing—and eating. A general discussion meeting after lunch was beneficial to the new members and also a medium

ed out to Dr. Bryce's hospital for the insane. The giddy inmates of the acropolis took a fancy to the lovely countenance of one of the brothers and came very near getting his pin. When the photographer was ready to take the pictures, it was found that some of the visiting brothers were missing. A searching party went to the asylum and found them cornered by women, and begging the nurse to "shoo" them away.

Everyone gathered for a few snapshots, and then made an attack upon sorority row. The banquet held at the McLester Hotel was indeed a credit to the program committee. A number of the brothers said their speeches, apologized, and showed their amazement at being called upon without over a week's notice. A few words of encouragement were received from Henry J. Porter, Jr., Virginia Theta.

Dr. George Denny, the distinguished president of the University of Alabama, gave the welcoming address. He discoursed upon the rapid rise of the Greek-letter fraternities, the aid the university was giving them and the encouragement given for the construction of fraternity houses. Dr. Denny, in closing, expressed the regard he had for the national fraternity and the newly elected chapter of that fraternity, and mentioned the pitfalls that they would have to guard against in their existence as a fraternity group.

"Uncle Billie, Uncle Billie!"—and then he stood up, acknowledged the applause, and proceeded in a most dignified manner. You would have thought that he was installing the nine hundred and ninety-ninth chapter instead of the fifty-fourth. He mentioned the standards of the fraternity and charged the new chapter to uphold them.

Two flashlight photos made at the banquet started heads to swimming, and they didn't stop until Thursday afternoon for the dance started immediately after the banquet. It proved to be the culmination of the

festivities, and was enjoyed by everyone present. Due to insufficient space at Alabama Beta's house, the Chi Phi house was the scene of the dance. We join in heartily thanking them for their hospitality. The ballroom was lavishly decorated in purple and red. Among the decorations a heart made of fresh American beauties and violets was a thing of rare beauty and caused much comment.

Following a Sigma Phi Epsilon leadout, favors were given to all ladies in attendance. Not one minute after one o'clock it was all over and after many farewells each went to their respective beds only to lay awake and think of the wonderful three hours spent dancing and listening to the soft voices of the prettiest girls in the southland.

About nine o'clock the next morning some weary soul wandered in and awakened everyone to tell them it was raining. In a few minutes all had gone to sea—the sea of mud that was between Tuscaloosa and Birmingham.

It was a well conducted installation, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. Those attending the installation from various chapters were: Tennessee, Tudor, Anderson and Freas; Florida, Mace, Majors and White; Georgia Tech, Lassiter and Rose; Alabama Alpha, Stewart, Wilson, DeVaughn, McAllister, Spigener and Gray. Here's to a greater Sigma Phi Epsilon and more and better chapters in the South. "Lead Kindly Light" now to Mississippi and Howard College.

Mary H. Stufinheimer was endorsing her pay check at the bank window. "You have forgotten the H," the banker explained. Whereupon Miss Stufinheimer took her check and said, "Ach, so I haf," and wrote hurriedly: "Age—twenty-three."

—Annapolis Log.

The University of Alabama

BY GORDON W. LINDSAY
Alabama Beta

THE University of Alabama was called into existence by an act of Congress on July 5, 1819, but due to legislative delays and time needed to accumulate funds the university was not open to students until April 5, 1831. Its growth was gradual until the outbreak of the Civil War when a large portion of the student body was called into service.

On April 4, 1865, a body of Federal troops defeated the university cadets and burned the entire university with the exception of the astronomical observatory. The erection of new buildings was undertaken in January, 1867, and since that time it has grown steadily until it has become one of the leading schools of the South.

Through the efforts of Senator John T. Morgan the donations of land to the university were increased considerably. In addition to the generosity of the national government in granting land the state legislature has from time to time made generous appropriations for the support of the university.

The university is governed by a board of trustees composed of the governor of the state, the state superintendent of education, one representative from each congressional district excepting the district in which the university is located, which has two members. Thus the entire state is represented in the administration of the university.

The university is composed of ten colleges, all of which have facilities and buildings of the most modern type. These colleges are: the college of arts and sciences, the college of commerce and business administration, the school of education, the col-

lege of engineering, the school of law, the school of medicine, the summer school for teachers, the extension division, the graduate school, and the school of mines.

The college of arts and sciences is the largest of the university's divisions and is housed in two buildings. Morgan Hall contains the largest proportion of the arts students, while the fine arts department occupies a portion of Clark Hall, one of the older buildings of the campus.

The school of commerce and business administration was organized in the fall of 1919 and since then it has grown to be the largest in the South. It is housed principally in three buildings, Woods, Clark, and Manly halls. These buildings contain accounting laboratories, business library, statistical rooms, class rooms and the offices of the dean and his assistants. At the time of writing, a new commerce building is under construction which will accommodate the entire school and will be the third largest in the country.

The school of education was founded in 1909 for the purpose of training school superintendents, county supervisors, teachers and principals of secondary schools. This school contains an educational museum, professional library and teachers register.

The college of engineering was established in 1881 and has steadily developed into a complete polytechnic institute giving courses in civil, chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering. The location of the university in the mineral district of Alabama has aided the engineering students considerably in their studies and made possible the establishment of a station

of the United States Bureau of Mines which furnishes considerable assistance to the engineering students in their work.

The school of law at Alabama was opened in 1845 but work was suspended in 1846 on account of lack of students. It re-opened in 1872 and has since then become one of the important departments of the university. The law school occupies its own building on the campus containing practice court rooms, law library and class rooms.

The school of medicine is contained in Nott Hall and is complete in every detail, having a large auditorium, well-equipped laboratories, and a modern morgue. The city hospital

of Tuscaloosa is adjacent to the campus and with the state insane asylum situated on the outskirts of Tuscaloosa, provides many practical facilities for the study of medicine.

The graduate school is one of the smaller, but important divisions of the university, offering courses in research and specialization leading to the master's degree. In the same category with the graduate school is the extension division, which operates through three hundred and six post offices representing every county in the state. During the year 1925-26 the aggregate credit earned by students in correspondence courses and extension classes was equal to two hundred and twelve college years.

Brief History of Delta Sigma Epsilon

BY GORDON W. LINDSAY
Alabama Beta

DELTA Sigma Epsilon, which is now Alabama Beta, was founded October 10, 1923, by a group of six men at the University of Alabama, who desired closer friendship and the advantages of fraternity life.

From its inception until December, 1927, the local petitioned Sigma Phi Epsilon and operated according to the fraternal and financial standards of the national fraternity.

In its first year of existence Delta Sigma Epsilon was able to procure a house and ever since then has had one, moving twice to larger quarters more convenient to the university campus.

The present active chapter, including pledges, is composed of thirty members, who represent a well-balanced group taking part in every phase of university life and activity.

In April, 1927, we were allowed to file our formal petition to Sigma Phi Epsilon. From that time until October 28, 1927, every member of Delta Sigma Epsilon was vitally concerned in the affairs of the national fraternity and its action on our petition. On that eventful October day when we received the good news that we had been accepted, the entire fraternity gave a sigh of satisfaction as they realized that the first step in our ladder of endeavor had been successfully surmounted.

As a local, Delta Sigma Epsilon occupied an enviable position on the university campus and was able to procure excellent fraternity material. As a chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon we are looking forward to greater success and hope to climb steadily to the forefront of the university fraternal life.

Georgia Alpha Approves Alabama Beta

BY JOHN E. ROSE
Georgia Alpha

THE installation of Alabama Beta of Sigma Phi Epsilon was an event which I shall long remember. Delta Sigma Epsilon, the local, was comprised of men which had built around the rather large personage of a certain Mr. Thomas, an organization which no doubt, now that it is Alabama Beta of Sigma Phi Epsilon, will be a leader on the local campus and a credit to the national fraternity. The men, taken as a whole or individually, seemed to realize that the initiation was an event for which they had been long striv-

ing, and seemed to appreciate it to its fullest.

The local has been for some time operating on the Sigma Phi Epsilon plan of finance so that it is financially in excellent condition and has a very good start towards a home.

Socially Alabama Beta is all right. They entertained all of the visiting delegates in a most impressive manner. The installation banquet was a big success. The dance, given at the Chi Phi house was an event which will be long remembered most favorably by all.

United States Senator Phipps Becomes Member of Colorado Alpha

IN recognition of his interest in Colorado Alpha and his services in aiding that chapter realize its ambition to own its own home United States Senator Lawrence Cowle Phipps, senior senator from the state of Colorado, has been initiated into the fraternity by the University of Colorado chapter. His initiation which took place on the 29th of September, just after the college year had convened and shortly prior to Senator Phipps' return to Washington for the approaching session of Congress, was made the occasion for a notable gathering of Sig Eps at Colorado Alpha.

The initiation ceremony was held at the house and at the same time another distinguished friend of the chapter, Charles Albert Clark of the Cocks-Clark Engraving Company of Denver, was inducted into the fra-

ternity. Following the initiation a banquet was held at the chapter house at which Senator F. J. Knauss, for six years Grand President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, presided and introduced the distinguished initiates. Also on the list of speakers at the banquet was Professor Arthur of the University of Colorado law school.

Senator Phipps was first elected to the United States Senate in 1919. During his term in that chamber he has been identified with many important measures of general interest but has been particularly watchful of the interests of his state and territory, having taken special interest in the development of irrigation in the arid portions of Colorado and the southwest. He has always been close to the administration and worked in harmony with it.

BERNIE HARTER *Names* All-Sig Ep Football Selection for 1927

ALTHOUGH the epidemic of "All Star" teams has about subsided for the 1927 season, I have been accorded the honor of prodding the skeletons once more before they are laid away for a year of rest. I have been chosen to select an All-Sig Ep football team.

Anyone who has gone through the agonies of selecting an "honor eleven"

and medium-sized schools are on the list.

To select the best team from this group of scattered schools is almost impossible. For example, there is not much material at hand to help me decide what man is best fitted for each position. I have gone through the files of papers from every section of the country in an effort to find who



ROBERT TILTON
Ohio Wesleyan
Left Tackle



WILLIAM A. NEWMAN
Syracuse
Right Guard



AMBROSE PATTERSON
Okla. A. & M. College
Left Guard

can appreciate the mental strain under which I have labored while making my selections.

It is almost impossible to make a selection of this kind without doing someone an injustice. On the list before me—and I might remark here that it is not as complete as it should be due to laxity on the part of some chapters—I have the names of players representing schools from every part of the country. Little schools, big schools

is who and why. I have been able to interview a number of persons who saw some of these men play. I trust that I will do no one an injustice.

I herewith present my arguments for the best All Sig-Ep team. Perhaps you can select a better one. If so, maybe we can assemble them and play a verbal game in the "bull fest" chamber of some chapter house.

For my ends, I have chosen William

WHO IS BERNIE HARTER?

What! Don't know who Bernie Harter is! Listen, brother! Be advised that Bernie Harter, among many other things, is (1) Bernard C. Harter; (2) of Kansas Beta Chapter at Kansas State Agricultural College, class of '25; (3) sports writer on the New York American; (4) formerly sports writer on a Los Angeles newspaper; (5) a star fullback for three years in college; (6) familiar with teams and colleges in all parts of the country; and (7) the logical man to make an All-Sig Ep selection.

Kousman of Carnegie Tech and Dale Vansickel of the University of Florida.

I might say here that Vansickel's prowess as a gridiron star was brought quite forcibly to my attention. Having heard of this brilliant young man, I decided to get some first hand in-

ALL-SIG EP FOOTBALL
SELECTION

Left End—Kousman, Carnegie Tech.

Left Tackle—Poe, Denver U.

Left Guard—Patterson, Okla
A. & M.

Center—James, Nebraska.

Right Guard, Newman, Syracuse.

Right Tackle—(c) Tilton, Ohio
Wesleyan.

Right End—Vansickel, Florida.

Quarterback—Brown, Nebraska.

Right Halfback—Albert Glenn,
West Virginia.

Left Halfback—Oehlrich, Nebraska.

Fullback—Smith, Wisconsin.

Although he was playing his first year of varsity football, Vansickel's work was outstanding last season. Despite the fact that Georgia U. had two ends of All-American caliber in Nash and Shiver, Vansickel's work brought words of praise from all over the south.



JUG BROWN
Nebraska
Quarterback



TED JAMES
Nebraska
Center

formation from Tom Sebring, head football coach at the University of Florida, who was a teammate of mine at Kansas Aggies in 1922. I sent Coach Sebring a telegram stating that I was selecting a fraternity team and that it would be a great favor to me if he would send me a brief report on Vansickel. Since this was a personal telegram and I had instructed him to send it collect, I was careful to emphasize the word "brief."

Imagine my consternation when the telegraph room called down and informed me that I had just received a 300-word telegram from Florida. I groped my way to the telegraph room to get the message.

However, that telegram contained a fine tribute to Vansickel.

Not so flashy at the beginning of the season, Vansickel developed with a speed which promises that he will be an outstanding performer for the next two seasons.

Vansickel is a six footer and weighs 175 pounds. He is equally capable on offense and defense. His offensive ability cannot be questioned since he was third high scorer on the "Gator" team for the season. This was due largely to his adeptness at receiving forward passes. He also drew considerable praise for his defensive play. He is very fast on his feet, a hard man to box, and a dependable tackler.

I might add that Vansickel, University of Florida end, also gets my vote for the "Adonis" of the team. My southern correspondent informed

me in his telegram, that Vansickel had been voted the most handsome member of the Florida grid squad. No doubt he possesses no end of "it."

Kousman, although not quite as brilliant as Vansickel on the offense, is a very good defense player. He is ranked as one of Carnegie's best defensive linemen. Rangy and weighing 180 pounds, Kousman is perfectly capable of taking care of his end of the line. In the game against New York University, which was played in New York, Kousman was on the receiving end of one of the passes

tention all over the country. Weighing 186 pounds and possessing a keen ability to diagnose plays, he has the ability to be the star on any honor eleven that might be named.

For three seasons Tilton has been chosen on the All-Ohio Conference team. Last season he was named field captain by his coach in four games, including the Syracuse and Michigan contests. Tilton also was a member of last year's All-Sig Ep team. No more need be said about this player.

For the other tackle position, I was forced to choose between Poe and George "Butch" Nixon of West Vir-



ARNOLD OEHLRICH
Nebraska
Left Tackle



LOUIS F. SMITH
Wisconsin
Fullback



ALBERT GLENN
West Virginia
Right Halfback

which placed his team in a position to score.

In considering my end material, I have been forced to rank Kousman and Vansickel over such men as Still of Nebraska, Brennan of Lehigh, Sindelar of Purdue, and Sapp of North Carolina. The records disclosed that all of these men played consistently throughout the season.

Robert Tilton of Ohio Wesleyan and Raymond Poe of Denver University are my choices for tackles.

I have named Tilton captain of the team. He is an ideal linesman, a capable leader, and the type of man who can be depended upon in every game. Although he plays with a small school, Tilton has attracted at-

gention all over the country. Weighing 186 pounds and possessing a keen ability to diagnose plays, he has the ability to be the star on any honor eleven that might be named.

I am inclined to favor Poe to team with Tilton. Poe was one of the outstanding linemen in the Colorado conference last season. He weighs 176 pounds but his speed and aggressiveness easily offset any edge in weight that he might have to concede to his opponents. He is not easily injured, having played nearly every minute of every game through a hard season. He has had two years experience.

Bill Newman of Syracuse and Ambrose Patterson of Oklahoma, A. & M. make a fine pair of guards. No coach could ask for better material.

Newman tips the scales at 198

pounds. Playing his second year with the Big Orange team, he proved one of the most dependable men on the line. He is a splendid player. Syracuse had a tough schedule last season. They won and lost some hard games but it is worthy of note that when an opponent gained through the Syracuse line, the gain was not made over Newman.

His outstanding asset is his speed. He is one of the fastest men on the line which is marvelous in a man who weighs nearly 200 pounds. Newman also possesses an educated toe. In three of the games in which he kicked off, the big Orange linesman was the man who tackled the receiver. He would fit into any style of play, proving especially valuable to a team which uses its guards for interference.

Patterson gets the call over Raish of Nebraska. Raish was a member of the All-Sig Ep team in 1926. This year, however, he was injured early in the season, and was forced out of many games.

The Oklahoma boy is a good running mate for Newman. He weighs 205 pounds, making him the largest man on the team. He is considered one of the best guards in the Missouri Valley and was named on several honor teams. Patterson, along with his ability as a linesman, is a good punter. He was called back to boot the ball when the regular kicker was not in the game. He has had two years of experience.

In Ted James of Nebraska, Glenn Smith of Missouri, William Reybold of Delaware, and Burlin Mitchell of Ohio Wesleyan, I faced a real problem choosing the center. Every man is an outstanding performer in his section.

Smith, following in the footsteps of his brother, Clyde, has been an outstanding linesman at Missouri for three years. He has twice been chosen on the All-Sig Ep team. Un-

fortunately, he was injured early in the 1927 season and was forced to miss a number of games.

To my mind, James is the logical man for center. Weighing 198 pounds, fast, possessing a keen faculty for outguessing his opponents, and an ability to pass consistently, the Nebraska pivot man proved himself one of the best centers in the country last season. His great playing drew praise from all parts of the country and he was named on practically every Missouri Valley selection at the close of the season.

Desiring to get a clear understanding on James, I had a talk with Coach "Chick" Meehan, who took his New York University team to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the Thanksgiving Day game. I asked him about James.

"That Nebraska center was one of the best I saw last year," declared Meehan. "His ability to break through our line and block punts was one of the main factors in our defeat at the hands of Nebraska. He was responsible for the first blocked punt which rolled into the end zone for a touchdown and he was through my line on several other notable occasions that afternoon."

The tribute of the N. Y. U. coach is enough. His team played a schedule of ten games with some of the leading elevens in the country.

Having disposed of our line, we now turn attention to the backfield.

Four exceedingly strong candidates for the signal calling job made it difficult to make a selection. "Jug" Brown, Nebraska U., Marshall "Little Sleepy" Glenn, West Virginia, Myron Park, Iowa Wesleyan, and Speidel, Purdue, all appear to possess the qualities necessary to direct our football team.

Brown, captain of the University of Nebraska team last season, is my choice for quarterback. I base my selection on his ability as a triple-

threat man. He is a fine, slippery, broken-field runner, a splendid drop kicker, can pass and receive and do whatever is required of a backfield man. All this in addition to his ability as a field general. Early in the season Brown sustained a back injury that called for substitutions for him in many of the games although he played the most in all of them. He is a seasoned player, having guided the Husker eleven for three years. He would fit admirably into the backfield combination that I have selected. I might add that Coach Meehan, of New York University, also praised Brown's playing although he was of the opinion that the Husker quarterback was not at his best in the N. Y. U. game.

In selecting Brown, I do not in any way wish to cast reflections upon Park and M. Glenn, a brother of A. Glenn. Both of these men have fine records. They are both experienced players and might be just as good or better than Brown. However, Brown has played with a team which met some of the greatest elevens in the United States. He proved his ability against the keenest competition. I cannot question his worth.

Two of the three backs, who will do the ball lugging for Brown need no introduction. Albert "Big Sleepy" Glenn and Arnold Oehlrich were on the 1926 All-Sig Ep eleven. The third, Louis Smith, University of Wisconsin, rounds out a backfield which I am convinced would be a joy to the coach of any team in the country.

Glenn was the spark plug of the University of West Virginia eleven. Whenever the Mountaineers played, Glenn was sure to be named as the outstanding performer. He weighs 176 pounds and possesses the secret of making every pound of that weight count on the football field.

He is a triple-threat man. He is

an accurate passer and is equally effective on the receiving end of an aerial attack. He punts consistently around fifty and sixty yards, a noteworthy achievement for any backfield man. I noted in one writeup of a game that "Big Sleepy" had an off day, his punts averaging only thirty and forty yards, a mark usually considered good enough in most football circles. His kicking alone would make him a strong contender for any team. He also is an excellent ball carrier. Fast and shifty, with a peculiar style of running, Glenn has become noted for his broken field work. In short, he is an ideal backfield man—a threat in any department of the game. He is equally effective on defense, a trait which is not found in every good offensive player.

Oehlrich means to this team what Earl Britten meant to "Red" Grange when the Wheaton Ice Man was roving over the chalk lines for Illinois. He is the stabilizing influence.

Although Oehlrich is a capable ball carrier, it is not in this department that he has proved his worth to Nebraska during the past three seasons. His greatest ability lies in running interference. In clearing the path for the man with the ball, he has no peer anywhere. Another feature of this remarkable player's work on the field, is on the defense. He is in every play which gets beyond the line of scrimmage. Not running attack but he has developed a keen eye for the aerial game. When called upon to carry the ball, Oehlrich can deliver but he is indispensable to this team for the other qualities he has shown. He weighs 185 pounds.

Smith, the other man in the backfield, earned his spurs in his first season at Wisconsin. He is slightly over six feet tall, weighs 180 pounds, is big, rugged, large-boned, and is a glutton for punishment.

Although playing his first year in

"Big Ten" competition, Smith commanded respect for his line plunging, blocking, and tackling. He is not spectacular but is always on hand when needed. He is an accurate passer and is learning to punt. With two more years to play, Smith promises to be another Sig Ep worth watching. Working with three experienced men in the backfield, there is no doubt but that he would perform perfectly.

In Brown, Glenn, Oehlrich, and Smith we have a backfield capable of flashing any kind of attack. Two triple-threat men in Brown and Glenn, with the dependable Oehlrich and Smith on hand to pave the way and carry the ball at any time, gives us a rounded-out quartet which would be a joy to any coach.

Several men, whose abilities made them strong candidates for the backfield, are McCoy, Oklahoma A. & M.; Smith, Denver U.; Macon, William and Mary; Talbot, West Virginia; McLaughlin, Norwich; and Oltz, Georgia Tech. Each has an impressive record. However, the men selected appear to have a slight advantage over the other candidates in the essential backfield qualities.

In selecting this team, I have tried to put together a balanced machine, equally effective on offense and defense. But your guess is as good as mine. Picking an honor team is like picking out a necktie for yourself—every man has his preference. Perhaps you can do better. You are invited to try.

Who Will Be Our New Grand Marshal?

BY W. H. EASTMAN
Past Grand President

AN important matter at the 1928 Conclave will be the election of a new Grand Marshal to fill a vacancy brought about by advancing our present grand officers. It has already become an established custom in our fraternity to advance our national officers at each Conclave and elect a new Grand Marshal to the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy of the out-going Grand President. Such procedure is designed to eliminate all political lobbying at Conclaves, thereby providing time for more constructive action. Such procedure also gives our national officers a number of years of active service and provides the necessary training period for them as they advance to the higher and more responsible executive positions in the fraternity.

It then devolves upon the fraternity to elect as Marshals men who have the fundamental qualities to hold the position of our chief executive, after they have passed through the training period.

In giving consideration to the establishment of such a custom the fraternity several years ago came to the conclusion that it was fundamentally wrong to nominate men from the floor of the Conclave and expect to get the best material available. A provision was therefore made requiring the Grand President to appoint a committee to receive nominations for the position of Marshal, study the qualifications of such nominees and make its recommendations to the chapters at least sixty days prior to the Conclave.

It therefore becomes the duty of every chapter and member of the fraternity to furnish your committee with the names of candidates, giving full information as to their achievement and fitness for the work. Your committee will make a careful study of the qualifications of your candidates and submit its recommendations for your further consideration.

Thus far only one nomination has been received by your committee. According to our laws your committee must recommend three candidates from the list of nominees and it is

the wish of your committee that each chapter give this matter serious consideration and if you have an alumnus with outstanding qualifications who can give the time to this work to send in his name and full details.

Of course, there will be given an opportunity for the nomination of a candidate from the floor of the Conclave but your committee hopes that we will not have to resort to this spontaneous procedure. Send in your nomination to W. H. Eastman, Chairman, Care William O. Goodrich Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Earl C. Arnold, Kansas Alpha, Author of Contribution to Legal Literature

"**A**RNOLD on Suretyship and Guaranty," is the title of a new law book written by Professor Earl C. Arnold, Kansas Alpha, '06, and just published by Callaghan & Company, Chicago, well-known law publishers. It is of interest to members of Sigma Phi Epsilon as an achievement of one brother that is bringing him marked recognition while those of the fraternity engaged in the practice of law will take unusual interest in it as offering the last word in this technical field of the law that has undergone much change of recent years.

Lawyers of our membership as well as those engaged in surety underwriting will find this Sig Ep production a work of unusual value. The number of official and judicial bonds that engage the lawyer's attention bring the subject matter of this book close to his office door every day and he can never be certain when he must investigate the questions treated. The growth of corporate suretyship, supplanting the older personal suretyship

without compensation, has not only "speeded up" the law on this subject but has brought marked development of, if not departure from, the settled law of a few years back. Here in some 600 pages is clearly and logically treated the law of suretyship, sustained by a wealth of authority cited in footnotes which comprise the leading cases from all jurisdictions. The selection of sustaining authorities, the abridgment of quotations from them and the constant analysis of cases is evidence of the thoroughgoing scholarship that has gone into the preparation of this book.

Whether the practitioner's inquiry be directed to the nature of the suretyship contract, the effect of the statute of frauds, defenses of the surety or guarantor, exoneration, subrogation after payment of the principal's debt, contribution between co-sureties or co-guarantors, the application of the statute of limitations or the effect of bankruptcy upon the surety's rights—here in concise, cogent text work is the law beautifully

stated with nearly every statement sustained by a carefully selected decision from which sufficient is usually quoted to assure the reader that the case is in point. This is text work of high order and it is not to be wondered that although the book has been on the market but a few months it has received flattering reviews by a great many competent critics. Selling at \$5.00, a wide sale may be expected.

Brother Arnold was one of the founders of the local fraternity which became Kansas Alpha, the local being organized at a meeting in his room. He graduated from Baker University in 1906—before Kansas Alpha had been installed—but was later initiated by special initiation. He took his law work at Northwestern University law school, graduating in 1909 and took up the practice of law in Boise, Idaho. In 1912 he went to Washington as assistant to

the solicitor of the United States Department of Agriculture but in 1914 resigned to take a chair in the University of Idaho law school. His tenure there was followed by professorships in law in the University of Florida, University of Cincinnati and George Washington University with some summer teaching in the Northwestern University law school.

He has of recent years contributed to various law reviews, among them being the *Cornell Law Quarterly*, *Columbia Law Review*, *Illinois Law Review*, *Minnesota Law Review* and *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*. He is a member of the Order of the Coif, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, Delta Sigma Rho, forensic fraternity, and is a Mason, Knight Templar and member of Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C. He is now serving on the faculty of George Washington University law school.

Dr. James E. Coons, *Ohio Epsilon*, Elected New College President

IF it can now be arranged to secure a Sig Ep as president of the Iowa State College Sigma Phi Epsilon will bat 1,000 per cent (in baseball percentages) in its presidents of Iowa institutions in which we have chapters. With the recent election of Dr. James E. Coons, *Ohio Epsilon*, to the presidency of Iowa Wesleyan and with Walter A. Jessup, *Iowa Gamma*, long the president of the State University of Iowa, two of the three Iowa colleges in which we have chapters are headed by members of this fraternity.

Dr. Coons, fresh from successful pastoral and administrative work in

New England Methodist circles, assumed his new duties at Iowa Wesleyan October 31st. For the past twenty-one years he has been an active member of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is of particular interest to the fraternity that his son, John Warren Coons, is a Sig Ep, a member of *Ohio Epsilon*, who graduated in 1926 from Ohio Wesleyan University, just twenty years after the same institution had conferred the baccalaureate degree upon his father.

Born at Ontario, Canada, in 1877, Brother Coons worked his way

through Ohio Wesleyan University, where in 1906 he received his A.B. and in 1908, in recognition of post-graduate study at Boston, his A.M. Upon graduation he moved to Boston to attend Harvard and Boston University, receiving from the latter school in 1908 the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology. In 1920 Ohio Wesleyan conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Brother Coons has held a number of successful pastorates in Greater Boston at Hamilton, Saugus, Waltham and Dorchester. In 1921 he was appointed superintendent of the Lynn district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the largest district of the New England conference, in which capacity he served five years, resigning in 1926 to accept the pastorate of the Newton Centre Church.

In 1926 while visiting his alma mater he was elected to membership in the Ohio Wesleyan chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon and initiated at that time. In commenting on his new affiliation Dr. Coons, with a twinkle in his eye, remarked, "As an undergraduate working my way through, I was unable to join a fraternity. Besides the Sig Eps were not on the campus at the time." The Ohio Epsilon chapter was installed in 1915.

Brother Coons is very much interested in educational matters and in athletics. He is himself an expert tennis player with several champion-

ships to his credit. For three years he has been a lecturer on the faculty of Boston University.

He says, "I enter upon my new task with very deep respect for the work of education, and a sincere hope that in an administrative capacity, I may render some real service."

Iowa Wesleyan College was founded in 1842 and at present has an enrollment of over 500 and a faculty of thirty-three members. It has a long and honorable history, having responded most generously to the call of patriotism during four national crises, the Mexican, the Civil, and Spanish and World wars. A former president of the institution, the Honorable James Harland, served in President Lincoln's cabinet as Secretary of the Interior. Outstanding events in the recent development of the school have been the erection of an excellent gymnasium and the completion of the P. E. O. memorial library. The school is in possession of splendid equipment both for scholastic and for athletic pursuits. Iowa Wesleyan has won special recognition in the educational circles of the state by reason of the strength of its departments of science.

With an excellent history already to the credit of the school, the student body, alumni, and trustees of the institution are looking forward confidently to a new period of development under the administration of Dr. Coons.

Phi Kappa Phi has revived its chapter at the University of South Carolina, a development made possible by the repeal of anti-fraternity laws in that state.

Theta Nu Epsilon has recently installed chapters in Pennsylvania State College and Lombard College.

Ursel C. Narver Chosen from the Chosen Few

WHEN a member of one of our chapters is elected president of the student body, or whatever the student government association may be called in the particular school, there is usually more or less rejoicing and a great deal said about it. By the same token, we are perhaps entitled to make considerable noise when one of our members, Ursel C. Narver, Oregon Alpha, president of the Associated Students of Oregon Agricultural College, at a holiday convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, of the National Students Federation of America, made up of presidents and secretaries of student government bodies, was elected chairman of the student government committee and regional director of eleven western states. In addition to this, he is secretary-treasurer for the Pacific Student Presidents' Association.

Narver has had an interesting experience in the activities of his school. He was last year editor of the Oregon State College year book, known as the Beaver, and has served on the staff of the Barometer, school daily, as well as on that of the Oregon Countryman. He has been prominent in the R. O. T. C. and now holds the office

of lieutenant-colonel of the cadets as well as membership in Scabbard and Blade, military organization.

He entered Oregon State College in the fall of 1921, dropping out at the end of the spring quarter to teach school. For three years he taught and saved and in 1925 returned to school, changing his course from agriculture to political science. He worked steadily at his activities until the spring of 1926 when he was elected editor of the Beaver and won himself a place in the regard of the student body the following year with what was said to be one of the best year-books in the history of the school. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Psi, commerce fraternity, as well as many other minor organizations. Despite his numerous activities



URSEL C. NARVER
OREGON ALPHA

he is entering the final lap of his college course with an all-college average of 91 plus.

The rise of the student-government movement has been rapid in the last few years. While it is still an experiment it is such an experiment as college faculties are welcoming and will, no doubt, become permanent. Narver's leadership in this movement is a noteworthy recognition of his ability.

Harry F. Dieter, *Pennsylvania Theta*, Sent to Europe by Frigidaire Company

BY ROBERT W. WOOD
Pennsylvania Theta

PLACED in charge of all European advertising done by the Frigidaire Corporation, a subsidiary of General Motors, Harry F. Dieter, *Pennsylvania Theta*, '23, sailed January 14 for Paris, France, where he will have his headquarters while directing publicity activities of his company in many European countries.

His appointment as advertising manager for Europe came to Dieter following but a year and a half of service with the Frigidaire Corporation in its advertising department at Dayton, O. Prior to joining this company he had done similar work for the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., at East Pittsburgh and while working there was placed in charge of the mica products advertising. With the Frigidaire organization he was in charge of the Frigidaire sales bulletin and also handled direct mail copy.

Although Dieter's headquarters will be in Paris, he will have contact with the Frigidaire representatives in other European cities including London, Edinburgh, Berlin, Budapest, Milan, Glasgow and others. His appointment came after a two months' trip abroad by E. G. Biechler, president

and general manager of the company. Upon leaving for his new post Dieter resigned as alumni treasurer of *Pennsylvania Theta*, a work which he has given faithful service for the last few years. He has taken the closest interest in his chapter and is held in unusual esteem by its membership

which gave him a farewell party a few days before his departure for Europe. He is a graduate in electrical engineering of Carnegie Tech with the class of 1923. While in school he was president of Sigma Epsilon Phi, the local fraternity then petitioning Sigma Phi Epsilon, which two years later was granted a charter. He was also president of the interfraternity council at Carnegie Tech, a member of Pi Delta Epsilon, journalism fraternity, and active in publications work, being news

editor of the *Tartan*. He graduated with a high scholastic average despite many campus activities.

The responsibility of directing the foreign advertising of so large and important a company is such as few men of Dieter's age enjoy. The Frigidaire Corporation, in keeping with General Motors policy, is a very aggressive organization and its demands for results are exacting.



HARRY F. DIETER
PENNSYLVANIA THETA, '23

Some Practical Suggestions for Raising Scholarship

BY PROFESSOR O. M. STEWART
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AMERICAN colleges and universities exist primarily for the purpose of training young men and women for a life of usefulness. They are training camps. College fraternities have as one of their primary purposes the desire to assist in making this training vital. However, no chapter is really an effective agent unless its scholarship is above the average. It is a great advantage to a chapter to have as its members only

those who keep up their work. Rarely will one find a good student who is a fraternity "dud." On the other hand the men who do not pay their house bills and who are not an asset to their chapter are as a rule poor students. But the advantage that a chapter gains in having the brothers do their work well is small compared to the gain made by the individual mem-

bers. We believe in an all around development of a man, and that the most important of all the different phases of college life is the development of his brain. "The greatest thing to remember in this world is that by concentrating on the issue at hand men and women will be what they set out to be. If they waste their energies on the side shows of life, they will miss the big show."

In offering the following suggestions it is assumed that each under-

graduate is interested in getting the maximum out of his opportunity for mental training.

Choosing Material. More attention must be paid to scholarship in picking men. It is rarely true that a well-rounded man or an excellent fraternity man is made of one who was initially a poor student. There are two necessary qualities that a man must have to become successful in life—mental ability and natural in-

dustry. A man who does not have these two qualities will never be a leader on any campus. Watch for these qualities in picking your men. Chapters should always look up carefully the grades made in high school by each candidate. Study these records carefully. Men with excellent high school grades are more likely to be strong men in college. The records of one of

The accompanying article by Professor Stewart appeared in the Interfraternity Conference Year Book for 1926. It was there suggested that this article be read at least once a year at a meeting of each chapter of the member fraternities.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has recently adopted a scholarship program with high requirements. To avoid its penalties many chapters and individuals thereof need new programs of their own. It is suggested that Professor Stewart's article be frequently given a thorough study and its advice carefully considered.

our largest universities show that of those students who enter with weak high school grades not one in ten ever makes good in the university and graduates. Pick men with brains, do not waste your time on loafers. (One of the strongest arguments in favor of deferred pledging is the additional opportunity it gives to judge the freshmen.)

In rushing a man tell him that the primary purpose of college life is for mental development, that the chapter

will offer him opportunities for the development of other sides of college life, but that you expect him to keep up first of all his college work. If this line of talk does not make a hit with him you do not want him.

Training Your Pledges. It is not best to make your pledges study through fear of the paddle or through fear of not being initiated. It frequently happens that a man who is forced to study during his first semester never does it again. It is usually better to build up in his mind the feeling of responsibility for keeping up his work. Teach him that it is a disgrace to do poor work. When a pledge who has been treated this way is found to be wasting his time, often a word from an upper classman will stop it. Chapters have been able to make their men keep up their daily work without any arbitrary rules. *Traditions are stronger than written rules.*

Freshman training is one of the most important activities of a chapter. It should receive the most careful and serious attention of all upper classmen. There are many important things to teach your freshmen, such as college and fraternity history and traditions, fraternity ideals, loyalty and a feeling of responsibility to his fraternity, morality, etc. But it is also important to teach them how to study. Each freshman should own and study the first and perhaps one other of the following inexpensive pamphlets.

How to Study, by A. W. Kornhauser; University of Chicago Press.

How to Study Effectively, by G. M. Whipple; Public School Publishing Company.

How to Study, by G. F. Swain; McGraw-Hill Company.

Initiate Only Those Who Make Good. The most effective means of

culling your pledges and initiating only the best is through scholarship requirements. If you find that a pledge is not keeping up his work, that he is loafing, remove his pledge button promptly. The effect on the other freshmen is of inestimable value. They should quickly learn that it is an honor to belong to the fraternity.

Suggestions to Chapters

1. Rules alone will not build up scholarship. Some chapters which have excellent rules are continuously low in scholarship. Many of our chapters now have too many rules. There must be a belief that it is worth while to do good work. A tradition should exist that it is each man's duty to do his work well, that a man who does not is disgracing not only himself but his fraternity.

2. There should be an efficient scholarship committee, consisting of men who are interested and who set good examples.

3. Start, at the beginning of each term. Make your plans early and keep it up.

4. Each member should realize the importance of steady consistent work from the beginning.

5. Get frequent reports from teachers, either by mail or by personal interview. Many chapters send to each teacher each month a printed card with the names of members who are in that teacher's class, an addressed, stamped envelope, and a request that the teacher fill out and mail. Some use a return post card.

6. The chapter should keep in touch with the records of all men. It often happens that an upper classman needs as much help as a freshman.

7. Post on a board a list of all members, with the subjects they are carrying and a space for weekly or monthly grades. Several chapters

have found it best to have each member get and post his own grades. According to this plan each man becomes his own monitor. The use of some form of the honor system appeals to the best in all men. This scheme, with no study hall and practically no rules, has excellent success. However, in most chapters the grades are collected and posted by the scholarship committee.

8. Men low in scholarship, regardless of their class, can be penalized, for example, by being deprived of social privileges or by being deprived of all chapter honors. Some chapters have deprived such men of all house privileges, do not permit them to come to the house except for chapter meetings.

9. Some chapters put a form on the bulletin board and require each member who is scholastically low to post each day the number of hours he has studied. This rule, if adopted, should apply to all, upper classmen as well as under classmen.

10. Some chapters notify the parents when their son's work becomes discouragingly poor. Parents expect much of their sons. They will appreciate all efforts to help.

11. If a member should become too poor in scholarship, he should be advised to withdraw from college. He should go to some other place where he will spend his time more profitably. It has a very bad effect on the chapter morale to allow a man who is delinquent to himself and to his fraternity to stay in the chapter. All chapters should be efficient in eliminating the unfit.

12. Designated upper classmen should form the habit of freely consulting the deans and teachers about their brothers. Each dean should know personally at least one man in the chapter. The initiative for this must not be left to the dean.

13. Each dean should be supplied with a list of the members and pledges in his school or college. He should be asked to call in one of the upper classmen to discuss any problems that arise concerning any of our men. The deans will appreciate this spirit of helpfulness.

14. Encourage your alumni to attend chapter and committee meetings. Often an alumnus can give effective aid by serving as an advisory member of the scholarship committee.

15. See that your chapter advisor keeps closely in touch with your scholarship committee and is correctly informed as to the chapter's standing.

16. Often a distinguished member of your faculty will be glad to come over to the house for dinner and give a short talk which will stimulate intellectual activities. He need not necessarily be a member of your own fraternity.

17. Any member who is deficient should have the cordial assistance of some brother capable of helping him.

18. Quiet hours are necessary, say 8—12, 1:30—5:30, and 7:30 until morning.

19. Study rooms should be clean, orderly, well heated, and well lighted. An environment conducive to hard work is necessary.

20. Important for each man to know that the most efficient way to keep up his work is to keep it up daily, never to get behind.

21. Men will find it of great advantage to try to use their time more efficiently. Vacant hours in the daily schedule can be used profitably. Knowing how to plan his time efficiently is a valuable asset to a man when he gets out of college, as well as when he is an under graduate.

22. It is the duty of each man to help his brother, to assist him in keep-

ing good resolutions, and not to tempt him away from his work by word or deed. *Each* man should cultivate a feeling of responsibility not only for himself but for the others.

23. Do not nag. Help in some constructive way. Often a man needs

encouragement. Fraternal spirit means a spirit of helpfulness.

24. Give some publicity in your fraternal publication to notable scholastic achievements of individual members or of the chapter as a whole.

25. Keep at it. Stay on the job.

Dr. George Porter Paine Offers Advice to Engineering Students

IN a series of articles published in the weekly newspaper at the University of Delaware Dr. George Porter Paine, head of the department of physics, has discussed a variety of questions of interest to engineering students. One of his recent articles entitled "The Relation of Pure Science to Engineering" is of particular interest to engineering students, indicating, as it does, the necessity for sound scientific knowledge upon which to build the technique of the profession.

Propounding the question in behalf of the engineering student, "How am I going to adapt myself to fit into the present industrial system, overcome competition, and make good?" Dr. Paine makes this reply:

"The answer is not far to seek, and it is two-fold. First, he should make good use of opportunities afforded by college life to acquire, as far as in him lies, the power of leadership; which means a high standard of courtesy and consideration for the feelings of others, the ability not to drive men but, to lead them, not to condemn but to inspire.

"Second, the engineering student should keep in mind the basic fact that the mill, railroad, construction project, hydro-electric plant, or whatever form of industrialism it may be that is going to demand his best

energies for the rest of his mortal days, exists and is made possible only through the discoveries and applications of pure science. If, therefore, he is too ambitious to wish to join the great hoard of routine engineers which the huge western state universities are turning out yearly by the thousands, he must, in addition to mastering his engineering courses, make a serious attempt to acquire some knowledge of the methods, technique, and results of modern physical science.

"And when,' the engineering student is sure to ask, 'are we to find time for this difficult study while, under our present curriculum, we are already carrying an overload?' This question is bothering engineering faculties all over the world. At Columbia, it has been answered by extending the engineering course to five years; a measure promptly followed by serious registration decrease. In France, engineering students get three years of thorough training in pure physics in the Lycee, and a fourth year at the Ecole Polytechnique; and they enter the latter with a thorough grounding in calculus.

"Here at Delaware, it might be advantageous to students if the engineering curricula could be so modified as to admit, say, one elective in the junior year, and two in the senior

year, in order to permit students especially interested to elect courses in mathematics and physics. The writer has been delighted to see a course in advanced calculus organized this semester, with a good attendance of engineers. Courses are now being developed in optics and in the theory of the atom—the latter, a new and vigorous branch of physics, constituting probably the most interesting and extraordinary achievement in the history of science. Excellent equipment for the optical laboratory is gradually being acquired, and, in a year or so, we shall possess some fine laboratory apparatus for atomic physics. A year's course in mathematical physics, to be offered next year, opens the way

to the magnificent work of Lorentz, Einstein, Sommerfeldt and others in the nature of electricity. Without training in mathematical physics equivalent to this course, the work of these great investigators will always remain to the student a closed book.

"Steinmetz of the General Electric, Skinner of the Westinghouse Electric, and Michael Pupin were trained as mathematical physicists and each received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in that vast field. The business of the engineer is to apply pure science to the problems of industry. One is not likely, therefore, to overestimate the value of the study of pure science to the engineer."

Sig Ep *Author of Serial* in *Master Mason Magazine*

"**T**HE Quest of the Twelve Fellowcrafts" is the title of a serial written by Rev. Charles F. Irwin, Pennsylvania Alpha and Ohio Epsilon, which began in the January, 1927, issue of the *Master Mason* and concluded in December. The *Master Mason* is a monthly publication of Masonic interest published in Washington, D. C.

Rev. Irwin's serial is a recital of the Masonic activities of the A. E. F. in the World War and is an attempt to create interest in Masonic incidents and history before they are forever lost to the lodge. He served in the war, enlisting in June, 1918, in the chaplain's school at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, embarked in August for France and served as chaplain with the American forces for a year, being discharged in this country at the end of August, 1919. In 1920 he

was commissioned in the Ohio national guard and served until in 1924 when he removed to Pennsylvania. He still holds the rank of captain as a chaplain in the reserve corps.

Rev. Irwin's membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon comprises an interesting scrap of history. During his college days in Washington & Jefferson he was not a fraternity man, Sigma Phi Epsilon not having yet entered that school, but years later as a good Samaritan to a Sig Ep stranded in his town he earned that latter's appreciation and friendship which led to his being made a member of Pennsylvania Alpha, now dead, at Washington & Jefferson. Years later Walter W. Van Kirk, Ohio Epsilon, became acquainted with Rev. Irwin in Delaware, Ohio, where he was serving as a pastor. Learning that Irwin had been made a member of the old

Washington & Jefferson chapter but never officially accredited on the rolls of the fraternity he urged that his credentials be forwarded to the Central Office and affidavits were secured that established Rev. Irwin as a member of the defunct chapter. Later at the Richmond Conclave in 1916 Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips made a report of the situation and by vote of the Conclave Rev. Irwin's membership was confirmed and established as an honorary member of Pennsylvania Alpha. Van Kirk was Ohio Epsilon's delegate to that Conclave. Upon his return to his chapter Rev. Irwin was invited to become

a member of Ohio Epsilon which he did, going in by full ritual initiation.

Rev. Irwin has had a distinguished career in the world of Masonry, having held many offices in the various branches of that lodge. He has been on the staff of *The Builder*, a Masonic publication at St. Louis, Missouri, since 1920 and has not only written many articles for this magazine but has some now in process of publication. He has six daughters and one son, the latter now attending Washington & Jefferson, his father's alma mater. He is now in charge of a pastorate at Wilmdersburg, Pennsylvania.

Dating—Up to Date

*Being Sundry Observations Upon the Gentle Art of Dating,
Beginning Nowhere and Not Even Getting There;
In Other Words—Parking.*

BY JAMES L. C. FORD
Wisconsin Alpha

"Death's a Dateless Night."

—*Shakespeare.*

TO hear him rave in the above manner might lead one to believe that William, too, went to college and was a prey to the usual addiction of the fraternity man. And, indeed, to hear him talk, one might think that he took the purpose of his Greek-letter affiliation very much to heart and set out to make it a social fraternity, with *social* emphasized in the phase of contacts with the weaker (for so it was still considered in his day) sex. At any rate, his views seem to coincide very well with those of the college man today. Shakespeare uttered this one cryptic statement and then was still. Evidently, he believed in action.

However, Noah Webster could both use his mouth and make it interesting. Let's listen to him a while. This is his dirty definition of a date: "The point of time at which a transaction takes place, or is appointed to take place . . . as, . . . the battle of Hastings." His example would lead one to believe that he picked a lemon, or else got slapped. Perhaps he didn't have "it." In any case, Noah had a remarkable insight. "A transaction"—yes, the element of give and take has always been present to quite a degree and the financial phraseology suggests the ever-necessary requisite, bucks. ". . . or is appointed to take place"—no doubt one of those so-and-so's broke a date with him once. Noah, when he wrote this, was about in the stage of

development of, say, a sophomore. Then, not to date was unthinkable. He as much as told the whole world what he thought about the dateless man—he was “stupefied, foolish, crazed, insensible.” Harsh words these—they sound like the chairman of the social committee trying to persuade Hiram Applecider to learn how to dance. . . . “Just like a board on his feet, but those same suitcases will come in handy next year in the varsity line.”

In his junior year, Noah fell in love. He spoke of a date then as “a term of life or existence.” “I can’t live without you” was the burden of his refrain. In other words, he had it hard and was “married.” He talked about a date as “the period of time to which something *belongs*.” Not “Tonight you belong to me” but “What were you talking to that Deke about?”—rather green-eyed, as it were. He was thinking about passing the cigars and, in talking over dates, etc., at a bull session, remarked that they were “an appointment or *engagement*.” Then he lost the \$2.50 or \$5.00—depending on whether he bought Penns or La Palinas. Chapman, the old English Edgar Guest, in writing of Noah at this period said, “Through his whole life’s date. . . .” But this sentence wasn’t for life—not hardly.

Kit Marlowe, of the class of ’56, was in just about as bad a way when he wrote about “my dated life.” He took it too seriously though. It does affect some people that way. And such a situation drives the co-eds at Illinois to drink or Vassar.

But to get back to Noah. When he became a senior, he got his pin back and became a cynic—with occasional sins. Then he told the gaping frosh that a date was “to be dated.” “Let the women come to you. They appreciate you the more for it.” “Bear (a) date.” No more blind dates for me, I’m so old as not “to be assignable to any date.” Yeh, some of the Pi Phi’s pull the old stuff about the wonderful little freshman pledge—just too adorable—but it doesn’t get by.

He condescended to date. He spoke of himself as “dative”—“of the nature of a gift.” Yeah, you have to know your way around. It takes genius to be a Protheroe. It’s a gift!

At other times, he was caustic about women and their wiles. Dating is just a system cooked up by the honeys to get you hooked. It’s “a barbarism” I’d call it “datism” that these lower classmen get. It’s in the nature of a disease.

But as we said, Noah had his lapses.

A careful girl is Mary Dunn.
She never stands against the sun.
—Ga. Tech. Yellow Jacket.

That reminds us of the professor who scratched his wife and kissed a match.—Mink.

Many young men spend a lot of time tinkering with a miss in their motor.—Reserve Red Cat.

The Harricks, *Athletes de Lux*

FOUR Harrick brothers, three of them Sig Eps, all of them athletes par excellent, have made, or are making, history in sports annals in one institution of learning and pleasure situated in the mountains of West Virginia and known to those who read these pages as the home of West Virginia Beta. And a fifth member of the family is soon to matriculate at the Mountaineer institution and travel the difficult path of equalling the prowess of his older brothers.

The first and eldest of the Harricks is for some unaccountable reason not a Sig Ep. This is the only recorded mistake in the careers of the inimitable Harricks. Joe, six feet one inch, weight two hundred plus, has the record of being the only four-letter man West Virginia has ever had. His work in football, baseball, track and wrestling earned him the sobriquet of "Leaping Joe" which has followed him to Jeanette, Pennsylvania, where he is football coach of the high school and runner-up for the Syracuse trophy in 1925.

The second Harrick on the scene was Stephen Harrick, now head coach of wrestling at West Virginia University and likewise mentor of the baseball squad and assistant backfield

coach of the freshman football team. He has been conspicuously successful with his wrestling teams, tutoring his proteges to wins over such notable grappling squads as those of Pennsylvania, Penn State frosh, Notre Dame, Illinois, Washington and Lee, Ohio Wesleyan, Virginia Military Institute and Navy. Incidentally, he has Michigan, Navy, Northwestern and Notre Dame to contend with this year.

Harrick, third and fourth editions, are Bill and Mike who have not yet acquired their full collegiate growth but promise well for the future. Bill has two baseball letters besides frosh letters in baseball and football. Mike last year earned his frosh football and baseball letters. The fifth edition will start his collegiate career the second semester of the year.

It is too early to prophecy regarding him but his record

this far promises well for the future.

But back to Steve Harrick. When in the literary emanations from West Virginia Beta you obtain a focus on the name "Harrick" it is quite likely that the 'rastling Steve is the one under discussion. For he has been a bulwark to the West Virginia chapter for years and his continuing interest has endeared him to the members of the chapter.



STEVE HARRICK
WEST VIRGINIA BETA



The Middlebury relief corps in front of the High School Building, waiting for instructions.

This mud was shoveled out of one cellar by a squad of Sig Eps under the leadership of Corporal and Brother Chauncey Niles.



An example of what the flood did to homes in the Winooski Valley. This house was washed down the river several miles.

College Men Do Relief Work in New England Flood Area

BY PHILLIP E. DEMPSEY
Vermont Beta

WHEN eight inches of rain falls in thirty-six hours something usually happens. This something caused the New England flood of last November which took its toll of almost a hundred lives and did over \$30,000,000 damage. Vermont seemed to be the chief sufferer, not only because the rainfall was the heaviest, but because the narrow valleys did not give the water a chance to spread out gradually. In almost no time these peaceful valleys were filled with raging torrents, which brought destruction to everything in its path.

After the storm was over and the water had subsided, the inhabitants found the task of reconstruction too great to accomplish without help. It was only natural that the colleges and universities of this area should volunteer their human resources. Dartmouth sent a freight train loaded with nine hundred men to White River Junction and West Hartford, Vermont. A whole day was spent in cleaning up these towns which were sadly devastated by the flood. Adjutant General Johnson of the state of Vermont, said in a report to Governor Weeks, "The work of the cadets at Norwich University on the night of the flood would be a story of heroism and effort that would emblazon the pages of any history, and later, with shovel and mop, they assisted in making the flooded homes of Northfield again inhabitable."

Towns in the Winooski Valley seemed to be the greatest sufferers, both from loss of life and property. Waterbury, Vermont, was in great need of outside help, and when Presi-

dent Moody of Middlebury College asked for one hundred and fifty volunteers over two hundred and fifty men offered their services. Every man had to be inoculated against typhoid, which was rather a painful process to some. The second step was to roll up clothes, smokes, and other equipment in a blanket and gather in front of the gymnasium. At eight o'clock Saturday morning, just ten years after a group of Middlebury men had marched off to the Great War, a procession of thirty-six cars started for Waterbury, sixty miles away.

When we entered the Winooski Valley scenes of destruction filled us with horror and amazement. Trees, houses, and barns were tossed about in the most peculiar positions. Great gullies had been gouged in the once level fields and in other places thick deposits of silt covered fertile soil. The railroad was completely ruined. The track was on its back in some places, standing up like a picket fence in others, and twisted every-which way like a roller coaster gone mad. The highway was passable, but temporary bridges, thick mud, and sagging blocks of cement made travel slow and arduous.

A mile west of Waterbury we had to get out and walk because of an unsafe bridge. Here we passed one hundred and fifty men from the University of Vermont who had been doing relief work. They wished us the best of luck but seemed to be only too glad to be leaving Waterbury. Our quarters were in the high school building, equipped with army cots which looked as if they had been



Scenes Around
Northfield, Vermont,
During
November Flood.



through several wars. Our "grub" was furnished by army cooks who were evidently working under great handicaps. The meals were substantial but hardly appetizing even to hungry collegians. Before starting to work the group was divided into platoons and squads, each with lieutenants and corporals, which enabled equipment and instructions to be issued without confusion.

On Saturday afternoon we started on work which was to last for three and one-half days. The one hundred and fifty of us, armed with shovels and buckets, and dressed in our oldest clothes, marched down the streets of Waterbury singing, yelling, and cheering. Each squad was assigned to a house which had been submerged by the flood waters. The chief job was to clean out the cellars filled with wet, sticky mud (sometimes three feet deep), decayed apples, rotten potatoes, wine, wood, and a hundred other things. This accumulation of debris had to be hurled out the cellar windows or hauled up the stairs in buckets; a job which was not especially easy to men unaccustomed to hard physical work. The inhabitants, however, greatly appreciated our efforts and their unfortunate condition

made our troubles seem insignificant. Before we left Waterbury practically every cellar had been cleaned out and fumigated with chlorine of lime.

At the end of each day we returned to headquarters covered with mud and more or less weary, depending on how seriously we had taken our duties. After a feeble effort to get cleaned we would form in a seemingly endless bread-line for the evening meal. Having consumed this, we amused ourselves in various ways. The town was under martial law and after nine o'clock no one was allowed on the streets without a pass. Practically the only amusement was furnished by students with dramatic or musical ability.

When Wednesday finally arrived we packed up our things, cleaned the building, and left for Middlebury without the slightest regret, but with a feeling of satisfaction that we had done our share to help the flood victims. The town had benefitted by our labor and none of us suffered any permanent discomfort. The next day was Thanksgiving. Never was a dinner so much enjoyed as by those of us who had returned from Middlebury.

Vermont Alpha Men Play Heroic Part in November Flood

BY ROGER SHERMAN
Vermont Alpha

A HEROIC part in the devastating floods that swept over New England in the early days of November was played by the students of Norwich University and Vermont Alpha earned its share of the gratitude Northfield, Vermont, residents feel for the cadets of the fine old

military school located in their town.

The flood, the worst in the history of New England, developed upon very short notice. Rain began to fall on the night of November 2nd and continued without abatement for several days. Little thought was given it until the afternoon of the third

day when the people of Northfield were apprised of the fact that the river was rising at a tremendous rate. Soon the low lands were filled with water, the river was transformed into a raging torrent and water poured through the streets and down any available depression.

As soon as it was realized the situation was growing critical the officials of Norwich University dismissed classes and immediately the cadets were organized for relief work. With torrents of water running everywhere life was in danger. The territory in and about Northfield is rough and hilly and the rush of water to lower places meant that unless prompt action were taken many families would be cut off from aid and submitted to exposure on the higher areas if not swept away.

Every member of Vermont Alpha enlisted in the organized effort to protect the community, serving as guardsmen through the critical night of the flood and afterwards. Toward evening it was found that many women and children were stranded across the river and that means must be found of getting them on the safe side where care and attention could be had. Among the volunteers to cross the raging river were George Daly, Frank Crowley and Raymond McGarry of Vermont Alpha. Daly made his way across to assist from the far side while Crowley and McGarry in frail canoes, the only means at hand, made trip after trip back and forth bringing with them to safety the stranded and helpless women and children on the other side.

Hour after hour the work contin-

ued, perilous and tiring. Nothing but kerosene lanterns served for light in the battle with the water, the electric lines, telephone and telegraph wires having been taken out by the swirling flood. Inside of buildings candles served as the only light.

The property damage was staggering. Little remained in the lower land. Houses and barns were, in places, demolished or transferred to new locations. Railroad tracks were swept away or so damaged they had to be rebuilt. Roads were cut and washed until hardly passable.

With the ending of the rain and the lowering of water further work claimed the time of the Norwich cadets. A group of Vermont Alpha men helped make up a pack train that carried supplies into a village isolated without food. Two of the members were in a group that carried the first mail into Barre, Vermont, that inhabitants of that town saw for days. Some of the engineers joined wiring gangs that set about rehabilitating power, telephone and telegraph lines. Some of the men worked through the days and nights getting temporary bridges constructed so that food and supplies could be rushed to stranded people and towns. Parties of students radiated out from Norwich surveying the roads and noting repairs that must be made to condition the highways for travel.

In all of this work Vermont Alpha played its part. Scholastic pursuits had to be sacrificed for the time but no member of the chapter was to be found not doing his part in the relief work and a bright page has been written in the history of the chapter.

Lambda Chi Alpha has just installed its seventy-fifth chapter in the University of Toronto. It was founded in 1909 and now owns forty-three of its chapter houses.

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The Nature Cure

BY FRANK BRYAN
Tennessee Alpha

IT was in early June that I sat on the front porch of my chapter house in a semi-melancholy mood, brooding and wondering, wondering what next. For I had just come back from the "Hill" where we had filed two by two, to the strain of some majestic march, each note breathing some thought in language which seemed to spell the end. I was ending seven years of life spent in that atmosphere which is only found where the quarter-back shrieks, the paddles sting, and the grey headed pros roll off the doleful "D's" from term to term. Untrue to the theory laid down by patented and self-styled philosophers, I had concluded long before the end of the term that I knew nothing. As I sat and brooded I realized that my time had come, that I was up to the abyss of life and I hesitated to jump. For hours I sat there and brooded; sore at myself because I could not muster one single thought which provided an avenue of escape from the inevitable, the starvation period. The longer I thought the more desperate I got and finally I concluded to resign myself to my fate. But should I leap without any preparation? I would spend a month, farther back in the Smokies than man had ever been; I would there prepare myself for the jump and there write my last fatal note,

amid the swaying tree-tops keeping time to the melancholy cooing of a dove and the doleful howl of a grey fox.

The next morning I arose sooner than usual and started my journey of sixty miles into the heart of the great Smokies, the place which was set apart for the second Paradise. It took me only a short time to get my camp straightened out. The few possessions I had taken along were soon

stowed safe away from any prowling animals or overly-curious outlaw birds. And I had prepared and eaten a much delayed but very welcome meal of streaked meat and hoe-cakes, I settled down for a month of freedom, a month of life, such as no one but the native east-Tennessean can live.

My camp was located twelve miles from the closest

point of civilization. I will not say that man had never trod there but I will say that he seldom gets this far back into the wilds. Some of the surrounding peaks had been named and some of them had not. Those which had been named were the tallest of the surrounding group and no doubt some Indians had named them, for on this immediate ground the Cherokees had lain in wait at some clear stream to send a piercing arrow through the body of a young deer or a prowling black bear. My camp was within ten

Frank Bryan, a Rutledge, Tennessee, lawyer here takes to his typewriter and, by way of personal reminiscence, gives a bit of advice to those seniors who will graduate in the spring and find themselves badly fed up with school and at odds with life. In giving an account of his month of adventure following graduation in which he sought to orient himself to the work to come he says it with flowers, verbal flowers, that will make easy reading for the lover of nature. Bryan, when not engaged with his law practice, spends his time as alumni supervisor of Tennessee Alpha.

miles of the government Cherokee Indian Reservation, on the side of Blanket Mountain. One of the Cherokees told me the story of the origin of the name of this mountain. It seemed that the chief of the tribe helped the surveyor of the state of North Carolina survey this whole range. The chief stood on this mountain and held up his red blanket as a point for the surveyor to sight at through his transit from the top of another mountain several miles away. Blanket Mountain is about 4,000 feet above sea level but I stopped at 2,100 feet and there placed my camp. A few feet away ran a large mountain stream filled with crystal-clear water, winding its way down over the smooth-worn rocks, crashing over some recently deposited waste timbers, then gliding around some towering cliff to be halted by the change of the course and forced into a deep eddy where the rainbow and mountain trout bask under friendly willows which bend down under the weight of a trilling robin or goldfinch.

Across this creek or mountain river was another mountain rising up to meet the skies in its majestic splendor, covered with trees of mountain laurel and bushes of rhododendron in full bloom and seeming to beckon to the straying honey bee to search no more. The humming-birds flitted through the air from bush to tree and back to bush with the attitude of indecision. A crow scolded from overhead but flew away when the mocking bird answered that he should be ashamed. Up the ravine the oaks and elms and chestnuts stood as silent watchmen while the pines grew tall and slender above the others and conversed with each other up there away from their neighbors.

As the evening drew near I studied the fading sun as it turned to a ball of golden fire and noticed the melancholy shadows it cast over the ground

squirrel as it hastened away with its last acorn of the day. The abundant nature around me seemed to laugh aloud and it seemed that the sun must be a sentient being—that having looked at all of this wondrous beauty throughout one gorgeous day, it must needs rest its eyes until the morrow. As it faded out of sight I heard a whippoorwill over on the other side of the ravine calling to his mate in shrill clear notes; then came the answer almost directly over my head. How different this from the patrolman's answer to his captain!

As the light faded into darkness the mountain air began to seep through my clothes and seemed to run through my very veins. I had left a temperature of ninety-eight degrees and it was hard for me to realize that I would need a fire. I hastily collected some fallen pine knots, however, and soon had a roaring fire. This served to keep the black knots away from me and to keep the other "varmint" from becoming too friendly. The roaring crackling fire served as a great comforter that first night for I had not taken a dog with me and I was not yet accustomed to having the sole company of a hoot-owl on one side and a prowling "something" on the other. I slept that night under three blankets but I swore never to do it again and the rest of the time I made out with four.

For the next few days I spent my time just scouting around and enjoying just looking. I realized I should do something to tell the fellows about when I got back home and then began the planning of a fishing trip—really not a trip, for I had only to start right in front of my camp and fish either up or down.

The next morning, bright and early, I got out my tackle and headed up the stream. I had been out only a short time until I found the trout were not striking and finally resigned

myself to an attempt to load up with bass. I must search out some good place for them and there await their pleasure. I rounded a bend in the stream where the rocky cliffs came down to meet the water as it went on down its course, and there before my eyes lay a perfect fishing ground. The bank of the stream was green with dew-covered foliage; the rocky cliffs above rumbled out glad tidings; the weeping willow drooped down and lapped the water's edge; the birds were screaming their whole-hearted approval of everything; the bees were humming among the yellow-and-white flowers, peeping here and there through the heavy soft beds of moss; the very trees seemed to sing and the waters to laugh with joy over this golden morning. What a fine morning for fishing, the greatest sport of all here in the Eden of the United States! I dropped my fly in the water and there was no waiting for a nibble. A three-pound bass took hold and immediately said goodbye to his playmates. I spent only two or three hours at that place as there were too many fish and not enough sport. I soon had all I could handle and began my hike back to camp.

The easiest and shortest course back to camp was along the water's edge. As I went along this course it was necessary for me to go over a large river rock, about the size of two large rooms. I had my rod in one hand and the fish in the other when I started to slip down over the rock, sliding feet first. After I once got started there was no stopping. I landed on a crevice about two feet wide and discovered upon landing that I was not the only individual there. I saw, sharing the place with me, basking in the sun about eighteen inches from my feet, a large diamond-back rattler. I would not swear how long he was, as I never got him straightened out, but I would swear

that he was eight inches in circumference. I had no gun with me and only the fishing rod afforded any means of capture. Maybe someone thinks it is simple to try to capture an eight-inch rattler with a fishing rod on a two-foot rock precipice. Try and do it. I did try to do it but he very politely withdrew into the rock cliff. I determined I would return with my gun and take that old boy's stuffed hide back to the chapter house. The next morning I was back with my gun but he must have had a premonition of my determination for he was nowhere to be found. I did, however, stand in that same spot and kill three water moccasins inside of ten minutes.

My month was swiftly drawing to an end and already I hated to think of leaving. Nature had provided me with the best of vacations; nature's beauties and wonders had reigned supreme in my life for those few days; not once had I thought of my troubles. The last night I was in camp I laid down to think and sleep. As far as I got before I fell asleep was to think how wonderful it was to live.

In the night I awakened with a start. The whole earth seemed to be coming to pieces; a terrible storm was under way. The wind howled and shrieked through the tree tops and I could hear a night hawk beating the air with his wings trying to find a place of refuge. The storm broke with the fury of a demon's wrath, and through the flashes of the lightning I could see the water in the stream whipping the sides of the cliffs with the ire of a mountain lion. The storm clouds hovering over my camp seemed to ponder whether to leave me or wipe me off the face of the earth. The night was so dark it mocked the lightning. The shrieking rain struck at the towering bluffs and humble vegetation with equal force, and the rumbling and crashing of

thunder increased as it drew nearer and nearer for its final stand. Increasing in volume, the storm snarled at the protesting swish of the trees and water below. For hours the winds and the waves of the stream had a battle, each determined it would be to the finish. And it was to the finish. The leader of the storm gods at last called his minions and with the speed with which they had conducted the charge they withdrew and the storm died away in the distance.

The morning awakened in blazened glory ready to kiss the waking world. Nature poured out its wondrous beauty to repay for its dissipation of the night before. The breezes murmured through the trees in an apologetic tone and the birds in a thousand voices shrieked their appreciation. The quivering tree tops kept time to the song of the bobolink and the mountain thrush and the cliff across the stream echoed the notes in perfect harmony. The sun shone down through the mirror-like water to magnify the vari-colored rainbow trout as he leaped out of the water to catch some wayward insect. The wild violets held up their proud heads of royal purple and the heart leaves gloated over their fresh paint of green. As I stood there under the hanging cliffs of dripping rocks, gazing on this perfect masterpiece of beauty and harmony I was thankful that I was living and that I had been reared in such a land as this.

My allotted month was up; I had to go back now to the scenes where industry has encroached upon the art galleries of nature, where the mighty tides of commerce ebb and flow, and where the wheels of Justice grind, it being my fortune to be one of those who oil the wheels of Justice and help them on their ever-moving course.

I went back to my chapter house and sat down on the front porch, where I had been one month before.

I found myself consciously comparing the moods of myself now and then. Now I was full of life, anxious to achieve. I felt now that I could not be stopped. I was not content even to sit on the porch and think, much less brood as I had done before. In a few days I was located and in my office early and late each day at grips with the greatest of all sciences.

It was the mountains of east Tennessee that made the change in me. Up there among the untouched beauties of nature I learned to appreciate life, I wanted to live, to do something, and I came away from there with the vim and vigor of a freshman, rather than with the dried-up, groggy attitude of a graduate.

There will be some 200 Sig Eps graduate this year from schools all over the country and I venture to say that a large percentage will, after commencement exercises, find themselves in somewhat the same category that I did. For the benefit of these I have written this rambling piece of personal experience. My advice is this: If you are discouraged, undecided and don't know what the next step is or should be, then get you out next to nature, far away from everyone, and stay there for a month. I would first prescribe the mountains. Go as far back as you can and stay there until the nature cure has its effect.

I learned to love those mountains so that to anyone in search of a place to take the nature cure I would pass on to them a little toast:

Here's to the land where mountains are
are steep.

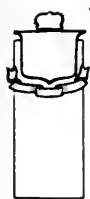
The violets are purple, the wild deer are
fleet.

There're birds at each spring and ravines
are wide.

The hackberry and elm grow moss on the
side:

The mockin' birds sing 'mid scenes dear
to me.

Here's to the Volunteer state, Tennessee.



WHAT THEY THINK *and* WHY



Declaring that this may be the only time in his life when he will be in agreement with the majority, James P. Mitchell, Illinois Alpha, '27, has indicted a rationale for the scholastic misfits which will interest even those who cannot subscribe to his conclusions. But don't rate this writer as a scholastic mis-fit! Not when he captured a Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Illinois with a grade of 4.5 when 5.0 is the top grade given. If you don't agree with this interesting writer this department is open to your rejoinder in the May Issue of the JOURNAL.

TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

I have just finished reading your report, which, upon its approval by the Executive Committee of the fraternity, has become a law to Sigma Phi Epsilon, and I cannot resist expressing my regret for, and keen disappointment with, your conclusions. I find that even among men as distinguished as yourselves there exists this extraordinary confusion between scholarship and grades which is one of the major curses of the American university. To you as prominent educators, I would have expected it to be an utter banality that the correspondence between scholarship and grades is so small as to be unworthy of attention, and between intelligence and grades almost negative. By encouraging, and insisting upon, grades, you are giving an entirely false valuation to a college education and to fraternity life. You are all able men, and you are backed by the most important men in the fraternity, so your plan may prove successful. If it should, which may the gods forfend, you will have populated our chapters with a collection of grade-grabbers, a tribe which is not even second to the professional college-boy type in vapidty. The purpose of a university should be, should it not, to provide encouragement and opportunity for the development of the cultured individual, not to produce a literate mob, and if the fraternity is going to

assist the many other factors which aim at the second rather than the first objective it would do well to collapse and putrefy.

To the fourth point in your program there can be no objection, but in every one of the others it is evident that you consider a grade is a thing of value. Now it is the easiest thing in the world to get a grade. A high grade moron who chooses his courses and instructors with care will have no difficulty in making excellent grades if he is willing to work; it is this species that infests honorary fraternities. A person of superior intelligence who chooses his courses because he wants to learn something, who has any independence of thought, who has sense enough to neglect a valueless study, and who is lazy, as all intelligent people are, will probably cling to the thinnest fringe of the passing grade. I cannot believe that the Scholarship Committee honestly desires Sigma Phi Epsilon to be outfitted with the sort of person who goes sneaking about in holes and corners looking for a grade.

But if you must put a value on grades, why in the name of juvenile delinquency, intellectual honesty and Lamarckian evolution, do you say that the acceptable grade is the average grade, the badge of mediocrity? If there is any rational classification possible on a basis of grades (there

probably isn't) it seems fairly clear that as a group the most desirable people are those who make decidedly bad grades and that they are followed very closely by those who make just-below-superior grades. Ninety per cent of those who get average grades and ninety-nine per cent of those who get superior grades seem to fight it out for the dubious honor of being totally impossible. It is incomprehensible to me that a group of educated men and educators like yourselves should actually put the badge of approval on mediocrity as you have done.

But, in the end, the only way a fraternity can mean anything is to provide tolerable living conditions to a group of college men who, on the whole, enjoy each others company enough to live together. The criterion of election should be friendship and interest. If a man is a "good guy" he is worth having around. If he is interesting enough to have something to say, something to contribute to one's knowledge of what people are like, then, too, he is worth having around. Grades are meaningless.

JAMES P. MITCHELL,
Illinois Alpha, '27.

Issues. We have them. Having presented an attack on Sigma Phi Epsilon's new scholarship program written by James P. Mitchell, Illinois Alpha, '27, we now submit an enthusiastic endorsement of the program by Ursel C. Narver, Oregon, Alpha, '28, who, with a college grade of 91 and an active campus life, is entitled to be heard. It so happens that an article about this writer appears elsewhere in this issue telling of a signal honor that has recently befallen him. Do you agree with this brother? If not, we again extend the invitation to use these columns.

Adoption of the new scholastic program is Sigma Phi Epsilon's most constructive move and is paralleled only by our plan of finance. Harsh as some of the provisions of the program may seem, its operation will lift very decidedly the morale and calibre of members.

The purpose of attending a college or university in the opinion of most people is to develop character and intellect. A fraternity is an integral part of a college or university. Together with other organizations of the college, it should contribute to the development of character and intellect. Naturally good scholarship should result. Today the best arbitrary measure of scholarship is grades. No other system has yet been devised by students, faculty or trustees.

Today with the masses asking for admission to our higher educational institutions, it is being found necessary to determine who may be admitted and who may stay. The measure by which they are making these

decisions usually is that of character and scholarship. Tests are given for admission and high school records are investigated. Always reference is to the grade made. Colleges and universities are admitting largely from those in the upper ranks in these grades. The same institutions are dropping from their ranks considerable numbers each year, likewise measured by grades.

Institutions, whether business, industrial, or educational, when seeking young men ask for the results of the university life and measure again by grades. Those of us who are seniors and are seeking admission into the better institutions for graduate work, find immediately the question of quality of our scholarship during the undergraduate life. Many of our best universities ask whether the students seeking opportunities in graduate work are in the upper quarter or the second quarter of the graduating class.

Granted that these facts are true, and experience has proved them true, we must admit that it is imperative that students in undergraduate life must see to it that their grade results in the college are good. Colleges and universities are obliged to see that their project is good, otherwise they must discontinue asking support from the public.

If all this is true, and I hold it is, then fraternities must, if they are to maintain their own respect, ask their members to produce results. There is no excuse for accepting less.

Fraternity men generally admit that they are among the selected. They have done the selecting themselves and would deny that they are not intellectually capable. Therefore, the obligation is upon the fraternities to see that their men produce good results.

It is an interesting fact that by actual investigation one will find that fraternities high in scholarship, almost without exception, rate high in positions of leadership and character. It is likewise almost universally true that a fraternity persistently low in scholarship is weak in character and leadership. Anyone willing to make an investigation will find these statements true.

Our new scholastic program does not attempt to fill the chapters with grinds and narrow-minded grade getters but it is aimed to eliminate indifference by members and to cut out scholastic misfits. Therefore, the program of the scholarship committee in our fraternity should receive the whole-hearted support of the fraternity generally.

URSEL C. NARVER,
Oregon Alpha, '28.

A DEMAND FOR EXPANSION

I must confess that I am getting out of patience with the extreme of conservatism that is governing the admission of new chapters to our fraternity. With other fraternities, many of them having from ten to nearly fifty more chapters than we have, marching right along, adding chapters freely and entrenching themselves strongly for the future, Sigma Phi Epsilon extends its influence geographically at a snail-like pace.

Conditions in the colleges and fraternities are entirely different than they were ten years ago. The tremendous increase in the number of students has opened great opportunities to the fraternities. If Sigma Phi Epsilon wants to secure its place in the sun it needs to add chapters and lots of them. With most of the stronger fraternities pushing steadily toward the century mark and most

of them older than Sigma Phi Epsilon it remains for us to keep in the running. I see no reason for going about it slowly if satisfactory locals ask for charters. Why hold them off? Why not admit all of them of good standing that qualify whether the number be five or fifty and whether they are installed in one year or ten. Take them as they come if they are qualified. Give encouragement to any good local which approaches us for information. That is the only reasonable policy to adopt if we are to add twenty or twenty-five new chapters in the next few years. We need not less than that number and we could use more.

This may be shocking to some conservative minds. I know we have them. Otherwise we would have a much larger fraternity. But I have traveled over a good part of the coun-

try and have never missed an opportunity to visit chapters where possible. I think I have visited in nearly half of our chapters and got well enough acquainted to know the local attitude toward this question. These chapters were almost as a unit for expansion. Occasionally I found a conservative-minded brother who wanted to go slowly but nearly all of the boys I met were for expansion, strong. Among alumni there is scarcely a dissenting vote against it.

We have adopted majority rule in our fraternity but on the question of expansion the majority has not ruled. My understanding of our expansion policy is to never make a move on our own part to interest worthy local fraternities and to lend no great encouragement toward any inquiring local until it has been under inspection for some time. I don't believe the majority of our members favor such a procedure. Why should we sit coily by to be wooed by an aggressive local, again and again to its importuning saying "No" until finally in a passion of approval we submit? Is there something dishonorable or is it a violation of proprieties for us to make overtures to worthy locals we know to be interested in attaching themselves to one of the strong nationals? I say that we should not only give quick and sympathetic attention to every firmly-rooted local that applies to us but that we should, where convenient, have our Traveling Secretary or other officers personally confer with locals known to desire national affiliations provided, of course, they are substantial organizations. Before they are admitted they should receive considerable schooling

in our national policies and business methods but that need not be indefinitely prolonged, especially if there are any alumni of the fraternity near by to serve as their advisors.

I think we should enter both the large state schools and small colleges except the smaller denominational colleges. Some of the latter are too weak to insure any future to a chapter but the well-endowed college, especially the non-sectarian, no matter what its size, is a good place for a chapter.

I don't know what has held back reasonable expansion. I don't know why we have not, for example, like many other of the strongest nationals, gone into Mississippi and South Carolina as soon as these states passed laws allowing fraternities within their borders. Is it a matter of conservatism on the part of the national officers? Are our laws (which I have not seen for years) responsible? The next Conclave of the fraternity that is held should amend any laws that slow down our expansion and that meeting should demand of its national officers that the next two-year period in office be a period of genuine expansion that will make up for some of the ground we have lost recently when other fraternities were growing. There never was such a wealth of fraternity material on campuses. We have a rich time for annexing fine, healthy locals. In our failure to take advantage of our possibilities we are letting this important fraternity policy be dictated by a mere handful of our fraternity membership.

R. C. RUSSELL,
Nebraska Alpha.

Theta Chi at its convention in September established a national endowment fund to which each initiate shall contribute \$25.00 and receive, in return, a life subscription to the fraternity magazine. The fund is to be used for building and purchasing chapter houses, loans to worthy students above freshman rank to complete their education and, after \$100,000.00 has been accumulated, for the acquisition of a national headquarters.

SIG EPICS

Coach Emil S. Liston, Kansas Alpha, of Baker University, is the recipient of a bit of most favorable publicity in a recent issue of the Kansas City Star in which his exploits and originality as a gridiron coach receive high praise. Liston is now coaching at his alma mater after having coached at various other schools, two years of which were at Wesleyan, Middletown, Conn., a member of the "little three" where his team won the championship of that conference. This was in 1918 and 1919. He then returned to Baker where he has captured one conference championship and has invariably put good teams on the field. The Kansas City Star accredits him with much originality, having been the introducer of painted helmets and non-scouting plans. In addition to inducing certain rival teams to abandon scouting he has secured agreements for coaches to sit in the grand stand and leave the management and generalship of the team entirely to the captains. The gridiron, he maintains, should be the laboratory, for the captain to make use of his training.

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Luther B. Bewley, Tennessee Alpha, has formed an association with the law firm of Bradley, Baldwin, All and White, the largest law firm in the state of Alabama, located at Birmingham. This law firm is composed of ten partners and five associates, three file clerks and seven stenographers, three office boys and two bookkeepers, a librarian and a telephone operator. This "hive" of legal bees occupy the whole twenty-first floor of the Age-Herald building. In making

such a fortunate connection as this, Bewley is merely carrying out the stride which he set while at the University of Tennessee, for during his senior year there he had won every honor which was possible for the student body to give him. Much continued good to Sigma Phi Epsilon can be foreseen coming from him for he is close to the two Alabama chapters and in the same town with the local at Harvard College.

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Fred Wade, Tennessee Alpha, is now located at Newark, N. J., having been appointed an attorney for the treasury department of the United States engaged in work in connection with withdrawals of alcohol and is doing some good work there toward making the country a little less wet. A long article appeared in a Newark paper a few weeks ago lauding the work of Wade in his handling of his court cases. One instance was sighted in which he won an impossible case by his clever research work and clever knack of applying a new court decision. Who knows but that Wade may someday be chief of the United States dry forces?

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Eugene F. Hooper, Washington Beta, who is an attorney at law in Seattle, Washington, has recently removed his office to 705 Lowman Building, Seattle.

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Virginia Beta graduated five seniors last spring. At this time they are accounted for as follows: Don Dorey is teaching and coaching football in the Amelia, Virginia, high school; Carrol Freeman is attending

the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond; Harold Amory is attending the Virginia medical college in Richmond; Wesley Craddock is working in a music store in Ashland, Virginia; and Earl Britten is teaching in a prep school in Norfolk, Virginia.

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Walter Smith, Virginia Epsilon, is in his fourth year at the Harvard school of architecture. He has worked for two firms of architects while going to school, being now employed part time. Three nights a week he teaches a class in sketching from life at the Copley Society. He reports that during his time in Harvard he has not run across so much as a single Sig Ep in that school.

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Leslie G. Moeller, Iowa Gamma, '25, is now news editor of the *Waverly* (Iowa) *Independent-Republican*. Moeller, following his graduation, was on the staff of the *Spencer News-Herald* and then took a position as managing editor of the *New Hampton Gazette*. He was the author of an article in the JOURNAL two years ago advising how to see Europe on \$400.00—a feat he had accomplished.

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In the last three years, Pennsylvania Theta has initiated eight men from one small town in Nebraska. This year still another man has been pledged, making a total of nine men from Hastings, Nebraska.

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Robert Lewis Lepper, Pennsylvania Theta, is now studying art as art is, in Paris, France. Lepper graduated from the painting and decorating department at Carnegie Tech and is ambitious to become a renowned illustrator.

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Going into a comparatively new industry Earl F. Boebel, Pennsylvania Theta, has rapidly advanced in the

year that he has been connected with the Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. of Buffalo, N. Y.

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Pennsylvania Theta has inaugurated a plan used by some of the other chapters. Freshmen are given a "big brother" in the person of a junior or senior. This upperclassman is responsible for his freshman and thus much responsibility does not rest on one man as pledge supervisor. The plan is working very well and is recommended to those chapters not using it already.

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John M. Gilbreth, Tennessee Alpha, is now associated with Colonel Fitzhugh in the practice of law at Memphis, Tenn. Although small in stature, he is large in brain capacity. His motto has long been, "Napoleon was a little man."

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David A. Landress, Tennessee Alpha, has now launched out in the banking profession, being connected with the Chattanooga Savings Bank and Trust Company. It is reported that while in school he showed the makings of a banker, for at the house he used to loan money (not over five dollars) to the men at interest and he never lost a dime because of failure to collect.

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Ben Bower, Tennessee Alpha, is again able to be at work in his chain of army salvage stores with headquarters at Knoxville, Tenn. He served in the aviation corps during the World War and when he returned to civilian life he began the sale of army salvage in general and particularly army planes. In three years he built up a chain of several stores over the South and made a small fortune in that short time. About three years ago he made a hurried trip to his store in

Harlan, Ky., in one of his planes, and while attempting to take off between the mountains there for his return trip something went wrong and he flew into the side of the mountain. He broke several bones and lay for months in the hospital. The best surgeon in the South performed over a dozen major operations on him, at first having few hopes for his recovery. He struggled along for two years in the hospital and is now able to walk with the aid of crutches. Nothing short of a miracle could have brought him out of this and it is with great joy that Tennessee Alphans see him about again making shekles from the sale of army goods.

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In 1926-27 West Virginia Beta had two sport managers. Robert Campbell was manager of wrestling, with

Robert VanKirk as assistant, and track was managed by Thomas Bradford. Charles Steele was assistant manager in baseball and Gay Fleshman assisted in basketball. This year that chapter has Fleshman as manager of basketball, Robert VanKirk as manager of wrestling and Charles Steele in baseball. Frank Springstion is assistant in baseball. Vane Robbins is to be assistant manager in football next fall.

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Samuel H. Freas, Tennessee Alpha, is at Memphis in the medical school of the University of Tennessee. He took his pre-med work at the university proper and got the jump on the rest of the men by taking one year of interne work at the Howard-Henderson Hospital in Knoxville during his last year of his pre-med.

WHARTON SCHOOL TO STUDY FRATERNITY FINANCES

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, one of the noted schools of commerce, has recently undertaken the study of the financial systems of the college fraternities. The first step is a survey of the systems in effect and a comprehensive report will be given to the Interfraternity Conference upon the results of this inquiry. It is hoped by conference officials this report will be available at the next session which will be held the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving Day.

PAISELY, ARKANSAS ALPHA, TURNS AUTHOR

William M. Paisely, Arkansas Alpha, '26, is the author of a story that appeared in the December, 1927, issue of UNIFRUITCO, a most attractive magazine published by the United Fruit Company and distributed among the employes of that company throughout its extensive service. The story, entitled "Entr'acte," is a narrative of the capture of a shark in tropic waters on the occasion of a recent visit by Brother Paisely to Central America. He is employed by the United Fruit Company in New York City.

Sigma Mu Sigma, a Masonic fraternity organized in 1921 and initiating only Master Masons, has recently been admitted to junior membership in the Interfraternity Conference. Founded as a local at Thi State College, Angola, Indiana, it became national in the winter of 1923-24.

EXCOGITATIONS

OF THE EDUCATED



Prompted by my remarks upon education in past issues, a friend and correspondent of mine whose name I shall not divulge because I do not have his permission, scores these interesting commentaries on this mechanism by which we conventionally acquire our higher knowledge.

"More and more I am convinced that our present system of education is fundamentally bad. It is bad because it denies the right of the individual to think constructively for himself. It is bad because it has become a standardized process. You can manufacture automobiles that way, but you cannot develop minds the same way. Mass education exists only in theory; in practice it is an absurd impossibility.

"The existing system of education poses self-satisfiedly on a false pedestal of utilitarianism. But the system is not a utilitarian one, at least only indirectly and to a small degree. If it were to become utilitarian, it would be necessary to junk all the courses in the purposeless vivisection of flowers, in the indelicate unveiling of matter, in the study of inaccurate accounts, of unimportant events, and to replace them all by one complete course in Practical Hypocrisy. The most utilitarian course of study possible would be one in 'how to lie convincingly and easily.'

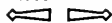
"But what sensible person wants a system of education that is utilitarian? The whole excuse for the existence of educational institutions is really that they supposedly offer a pleasant escape from the utilitarian side of life. The ideal college is a place where a sensitive soul may pass through certain

experiences, feel certain emotions, dream certain dreams, gain certain first-hand impressions, and thus acquire for itself the signet of a definite individual existence in the universe. The college should not be a factory where a man has his own fresh impressions systematically distorted through a half-clear contemplation of the magnified, glorified and petrified experience-impressions of some bland, bald-headed long-dead pedant.

"The existing method of education is to give at second-hand a few selected reactions from certain limited experiences—'classic cases.' The beauty of nature is taught by means of a carefully censored postcard album. The beauty of life is taught with a few hackneyed phrases, frequently repeated. We learn all about our mothers' love for us, all about sin, all about charity, all about human nature in general, from a book, pocket edition, limp leather, India paper. In short, we are prepared for a 'useful' life by a carefully standardized and terribly cruel system of atrophying our senses. We become 'educated' when we no longer dare to form an independent judgment nor to trust our own impressions; but must depend somewhat vaguely and hopefully on some confused idea of someone else in some time other than our own to justify and to make the 'whole thing as plain as daylight.'

"Because this present scheme of educating has been in existence for a long time, it is, of course, quite obviously the best and the only scheme. Its age puts it beyond doubt or question. Only that which is new or different from the existing order is open

to attack, ridicule and doubt. That which is must be right because it is. When will be cease ancestor-worship and see the men of the past as frail human beings, building imperfect and often foolish institutions?"



What have the utilitarians, the matriculants in the school of business administration, the college-as-a-business-asset theorists, to say to this plaint of an inquiring brother? We know the stock arguments that may be used in reply, arguments that are bandied about the realms of "practical" thought. We know the doctrines of the economist or, more accurately, the pedant who has divorced philosophy from his economics. Is there some new doctrine that has been proposed in behalf of the utilitarianists that might be of interest? If so, let us have it.

In passing, this bit from Everett Dean Martin's admirable "Meaning of a Liberal Education" is worth a moment's reflection:

"While much of the demand for education is genuine and spontaneous, much of it is spurious, irrelevant, inconsequential. The increased attendance at school or university does not necessarily mean that more education is going on. It is frequently said that our colleges are crowded with inferior students. Athletics, fraternities, schools of business and the automobile tend to displace science and classics. American youth has acquired its ideal of college life from the motion pictures."

Coming from the pen of a lesser personage than this distinguished author this arraignment might be laughed off. We may well note and ponder upon the imputation Martin lays upon the fraternity.



We observe in life nothing that is all it might be. This is true of education as a system, of the college, of

the fraternity. The apologists for the fraternity—and we all are—sometimes are intemperate in asserting or intimating that the fraternity is free from blemish. That is foolish. What we apologists mean to say is that the fraternity, like the college, might be made into an institution of great worth and of wondrous possibilities. Thus far it has fallen pitifully short—and yet, with all its frailties, it is of such worth that it ought not to be abolished. Deficient as it is, it is still an asset in college education.

To one of sentiment, the sad aspect of the fraternity problem is that it fails of its possibilities for want of an efficient organization of its personnel. I do not refer to its political administration. Rather do I refer to the want of an organization about, and in, each chapter that shall lend it the impress of stimulating inquiring minds, the influence and inspiration of contact with intellectual adventurers. Administrative structure can have no influence in this respect. Nothing but chapters of fine personnel spurred by talented alumni can effect an approach to our ideal fraternity.

Not until our concept of the purpose of the fraternity is changed shall we make much improvement. So long as we are disposed to consider it as a club, a clearing house for congeniality, if not conviviality, we shall wallow through this slough of mediocrity in ideals, interests and attainments. I see no escape unless a cultured few about each chapter interest themselves in the work and through a laborious process, counselling, encouraging and stimulating, aid in securing a finer quality of membership with more worthy interests. There are few, if any, chapters totally lacking in these assets but most have their talented members buried in a heap of "students" who are in college for athletics, social advantages or a four-

years' vacation. The immediate task ahead is to sift the incoming members and weed out those who, to use Everett Dean Martin's phrase, "have acquired their ideals of college life from the motion pictures."



It is reported by Washington Beta that intramural debating has been undertaken in that school and that twenty-five of the fraternities have entered teams in the discussion league. The move follows that of a few other institutions—precious few, indeed—in which it has been found a most interesting competitive event.

What better activity can be suggested for interfraternity contests? If there is any justification for interfraternity basketball, track, baseball, and like teams, surely there is a place for interfraternity debate. For those who find the chief value in these contests the development of chapter *esprit de corps* they may follow their debating team with spirit and pride in its successes. But that, it would seem, is an incidental consideration. The study and reflection that prepares for these debates, the chapter-house argument about the fireside upon the merits of the questions submitted, the whip and stimulus to analytical consideration of the subject by a goodly number before the team is selected and the discipline of mind enjoyed by the house spokesmen and sufficient considerations for making interfraternity debating a standard activity at all institutions.

Intelligent discussion is largely a lost art. It isn't being done—much. It has become so easy to sit passively and effortlessly absorb the entertainment poured out by phonograph and radio that we have fallen out of the habit of rigorous thinking. We have drifted into the habit of idly recounting insignificant twaddle, the minutiae of life, and letting it pass for discussion. Anything that will prompt

the habit of, and liking for, thoughtful discourse is to be commended. Within the chapter house may be found an intelligent group of young men who, if sufficiently interested, could summon discussion of value to all. Perhaps the "game" spirit injected into the thing may serve to whet their interest. If so, let us have interfraternity debates.



To expand or not to expand, that is the question. That is the question that is irritating the consciousness of many a brother who drops me a line from time to time. I am not in position to lend them aid or comfort in their dilemma. For I am nothing but a lowly Grand Officer, functioning under the mandates of the fraternity and bound by the action of the Conclaves with some little discretion in interim periods not in apparent conflict with Conclave edicts.

Personally, I'll say for the benefit of those to whom it may concern, I am an expansionist, if I understand the definition of that term. I believe the fraternity, our fraternity, to be a good thing, a wondrous good thing in most instances, and its blessings and benefits should be made available to greater numbers of college people than now enjoy it. I can't view the fraternity as an instrumentality for securing something in the nature of prestige, social advantage, a general mark of approval for ourselves; its value isn't definable in terms of what it offers me as an individual. I conceive of it as an instrumentality for conferring certain benefits upon a highly select college personnel. It is a low, mean concept, so it seems to me, to think of the fraternity being exclusive and winning approval in the aristocracy of fraternities composed of a few which feel highly superior but are in reality ineffective and moribund. The only aristocracy permissible is the aristocracy of intelli-

gence—and the intelligent will be found in all colleges. If we are an organization of superior worth we should be willing to lend its beneficent influence to greater numbers. If we are an inferior organization perhaps it would be well to take on a few superior new chapters to raise us up from the muck.

Such is my opinion. But as one of the Grand Officers I feel the obligation of conducting myself officially in conformity to the will of the fraternity at large. And as such I should welcome a thorough discussion of this problem at the Seattle Conclave. If the chapters will express themselves by formal vote, the Executive Committee will carry out their wishes. The Executive Committee is almost unanimous in favoring expansion but it will be guided by the will of the chapters. For some time a policy of conservatism, not extreme but mild, has been followed in deference to a few anti-expansion chapters which were loud in their protests against the admission of new chapters. If this is not the policy preferred by the fraternity it should be so determined at the Seattle Conclave in August.



As has been the case in all previous issues, the JOURNAL will make its appearance late. The chapter historians have decreed that it shall come out a week or two after schedule—which is agreeable with the Excogitator if that is preferred except it causes a most inconvenient congestion of work at the last minute in handling the avalanche of late copy.

The historians, or more properly the chapters, are entitled to have their magazine issued when they choose. They send their material after substantial delays; and the JOURNAL

comes out late. We strive to please! But we nurse a lingering doubt whether the membership at large is as willing to read its February issue in March as is the historian who rushes in his copy special delivery two weeks to a month after the dead line.



Wanted—A flock of red-hot fraternity men who can do interesting things with a typewriter and a few sheets of paper.

We need material, always—live, interesting items about Sig Eps, the fraternity, the chapters, anything that affects us as an organization. Leads that will secure such news are always appreciated, and the earlier received the better. Clippings are nearly always usable. Anything that is of sufficient interest to get into the papers, marriages excepted, is likely to be valuable for our purposes.

If one man—the right man—in every chapter, active and alumni, could be induced to carefully write up every scrap of news that comes, or would by inquiry come, to his attention during the course of a month we could put out a marvelous issue of this “great family quarterly.” The problem is to get some one in each chapter, alumni and active, to attend to that little detail. For a good scheme by which the necessary co-operation may be secured by open diplomacy, chicanery or anything short of bribery (which we can’t afford) I shall offer some handsome intangible reward suitable for framing or use in some less utilitarian fashion

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To Seattle is awarded the next Conclave and a pleasant prospect is ahead for August 22 to 25 when Sigma Phi Epsilon will revel in the glories of that fairy land of the Northwest. No place could have been selected offering more pleasant advantages of climate and its store of the beauties of nature have properly merited it the title of the "Charmed Land."

The possibilities of entertainment in Seattle are most unusual. Within the days of the Conclave it will be possible to indulge in comfort in fresh or salt water swimming or in a snowball fight; in dancing or in golfing—or both. We may wander through the densest forests within a few miles of Seattle or gaze at comparatively short distances on snow-capped mountains all about the city. We may catch a glimpse of quaint old England in a short boat trip across Puget Sound to Victoria. It is entirely feasible to hold some sessions of the Conclave in the gorgeous out-of-doors beside Lake Crescent or up on the heights of the indescribable Mount Ranier.

And Seattle itself is a city of beauty and attraction. It lays in a perfect setting. It is a young city, fortunately free from the ancient landmarks that mar the appearance of so many places. In and about it are gorgeous lakes and waterways, hills and valleys covered with striking homes and all about it the emerald setting of the forest which has bit by bit been hewn back as man demanded space for his shelter. On the banks of incomparable Lake Washington is situated the University of Washington with campus mentioned by all who see it and near at hand is Washington Beta, a chapter that has won distinction on its campus and among the chapters of our fraternity. Backing the whole enterprise is the Puget Sound Alumni Chapter of Seattle and its environs, a large and flourishing organization, most cosmopolitan in character with its membership composed of members from so many chapters.

The Conclave program has not yet been arranged. But the possibilities are such that we may expect a glorious time during the August meeting. It is sufficient to suggest at this time that members make their vacation plans

to attend the Conclave. Tourist rates will be low and no more advantageous time to see the Pacific Coast will be found. But of greater interest is the fact that the forthcoming Conclave should be one to linger long in the memory of those who are deeply interested in their fraternity.



Looking ahead to the Conclave it might be remembered that the Conclave is the time for legislating. There is no little work connected with it. It is not all recreation. The Conclave is our legislature—and sometimes our supreme court. Its work must, of necessity, be done in a very limited time, under pressure and it sometimes suffers by virtue of being too hastily done.

Our Constitution and our laws have, in the main, been put in rather good shape. They need little modification to improve their operation but there are, no doubt, features that could be improved. If the chapters propose to make any changes it is suggested that they early formulate their ideas, draft resolutions and take the time to ripen thought on their measures. Study the implications of all proposed legislation. And remember the American weakness for passing legislation to cure every manner of ill. If possible, exercise restraint in the introduction of legislative remedies.

To those who feel the urge for legislating it is suggested that they turn their attention to the judicial department of our fraternity government. Can trials be simplified? Can they be more practically handled? Can the prescribed procedure on review be improved? Can red tape and formalism be eliminated while still safeguarding the rights of members as against the hasty passions of incensed chapters? What about our "supreme court?" Is it desirable to vest both judicial and executive functions in the Executive Committee? Should a separate tribunal be created? If so, how selected? These are all pertinent inquiries that may, or may not, call for legislative action. They will, at least, bear reflection.

Salvaging our Past Grand Presidents is another consideration that may justify some thought. Our Past Grand Presidents are men whose close and conscientious work with the fraternity have made them storehouses of fraternity wisdom. Their wisdom and their talents, under our present system, are totally lost to the fraternity when they lay down the gavel of the office of Grand President. Should they be further used for the benefit of the fraternity? Could they be formed into a body with ex-officio functions? And what functions? Judicial? Or some relation to the executive body? Here is food for thought along a constructive line. If it merits legislation it should be in well-considered measures, not such as are likely to be devised and adopted within a day's time under the stress of Conclave conditions.

The reports of Traveling Secretary D'Aiuto show an inclination on the part of some chapters to not use the books required to be kept under our financial system or to devise methods of using them under modifications of prescribed practice. In virtually all cases of this kind the officers departing from our practice are not skilled with books of account and short-sightedly fail to see the reason and necessity for keeping such records as are required.

The books used in our system are the product of long study and experience in an effort to devise records that will give the information deemed essential with the least amount of time. They have been revised from time to time as experience found short cuts and simplified wherever possible. They have been found, and many skilled accountants have pronounced them, a most efficient system when used in their entirety. To eliminate certain features is to wreck the whole system. The comparatively little time required to keep up a good set of books is as nothing compared to the value of having accurate and comprehensive information on the business done.

The operation of a fraternity chapter is a business of no small magnitude. An average chapter's business for a year will run between \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00. The "sales" of the business and the accounts receivable are simple considerations but efficient handling of the disbursements and the necessity for keeping accurate costs demand comprehensive bookkeeping. It is folly for comptrollers to abandon any of the methods or practice prescribed and alumni boards should not permit it. Haphazard methods have kept many of our chapters in precarious financial condition for years when they might have been building funds that would bring them new establishments in which to live in comfort and pleasure.



With the ALUMNI



NEW YORK ALUMNI CHAPTER

THE New York Alumni Chapter was honored on January 12 by a visit from our Grand Secretary. Brother Phillips tells us that he will be in New York each month now in connection with the work of the Interfraternity Conference, with which organization he is working as a member of the Executive Committee.

Weekly luncheons of the New York Alumni are held each Wednesday at 12:30 at the New York Press Club, 21 Spruce street. Monthly dinners, with a brief business meeting, are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Hotel McAlpin, Broadway and Thirty-third street.

Visiting brothers are always welcome, both at the weekly luncheons and the monthly dinners. The monthly meetings are followed by entertainment at cards or a theatre party.

We have about 300 names and addresses of alumni in New York and vicinity. Unquestionably there are many more that we should have on our mailing list. Active chapters are requested to send us names of all alumni in this vicinity, in case they have not already done so.

Our active members were greatly saddened in November by the death of Edward D. Arnold, New York Alpha, whose obituary notice appears elsewhere in this issue. Brother Arnold was unable to attend regularly all the meetings of our chapter, because of his work on the faculty of the New York University, but all who knew him regarded him as a staunch and true friend and a worthy brother.

A letter addressed to the mailing list of New York Alumni and to the alumni and active chapter at Syracuse brought a quick response on behalf of Brother Arnold's widow and three little girls. A Christmas check of \$473 came as a complete surprise to Mrs. Arnold, and was very much appreciated.

Our monthly meeting for February will be omitted because of the annual party at the Interfraternity Building on Saturday evening, February 11.

S. S. KEENEY.

DETROIT ALUMNI CHAPTER

THE Detroit Alumni Chapter started the 1927-28 year with a dinner and business meeting on October 12th at the new Barlum Hotel. Twenty members were in attendance.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: R. B. Wolfe, president; E. B. Bookwalter, vice president; W. H. Chittenden, treasurer; E. T. Pheney, secretary.

As early as this meeting was held much was said about the 1928 Conclave—whether we should ask for it for Detroit. As a convention city Detroit has much to offer. After a special meeting and more discussion we wrote to the Grand Council that Detroit was the ideal place for the coming Conclave, but no word as yet in answer.

The November meeting was held at Webster Hall on the ninth. After dinner "Jimmy" Marks, purchasing agent for the Packard Motor Car Co., gave a very interesting talk comparing the problems of men who entered the business field in the period 1914-1920 and to the period 1921-1924 and to the present time. Jimmy had worth-while things to say.

The December meeting was done away with in favor of a dinner dance held at the Cadillac Athletic Club, on December 17th. Twenty couples were out. We have Brothers Later, Bookwalter and Thomas to thank for arranging a most delightful party.

The wives' auxiliary continues to have their bridge luncheons twice a month. These are held at the homes of the various members, or as "Dutch" treat parties at down-town hotels or clubs.

The membership of the Detroit Chapter has been augmented during the past year by the addition of "Doc" Bookwalter of Michigan and Ohio Gamma chapters, Selden Daume, coming from Grand Rapid, Mich., Frank Hackett, M. D., from Michigan and Minnesota, Carl Ropers from Colorado Delta, Walter Kleinert, coming from school at Ann Arbor, and Dr. G. W. Russell, an old timer from Illinois Alpha.

Bliss Wolfe, director of sales for the Hannan Real Estate Co., is building a fine

new home in one of his near-in subdivisions.

"Curt" Later has moved his dental headquarters to the new Eaton Tower in downtown Detroit.

"Doc" Bookwalter, late president of O. S. U. chapter, has located in Detroit in the law offices of Reed Hunt and Les Field.

"Bas" Hackett is back in the coal business again. His new yard is located on Meyers Road.

"Hen" Thomas has transferred his real estate operations to the E. V. Frazier Corporation, Industrial Bank Building.

Geo. Weitzel is now with the Detroit Trust Company.

Glen Cummings is financial editor for the Detroit Times.

M. C. Burnside has started in for himself in the real estate building business with offices in the Buhl Building here.

Some have left our ranks—John Croushore has been transferred to the Toledo, Ohio, branch of the B. F. Goodrich Company. Russel Saunders has left for Upper Montclair, N. J., to engage in the hardware business. Forster Cooper is now with Hannan Real Estate Company in Grand Rapids, Mich. Irving Reynolds has been transferred to the Toronto branch of Campbell-Ewald Company.

The old standbys or "faithful" few—Fred Price, H. Springstun, Jack Jordan, "City" Parks, "Hen" Thomas, Don Worley, Wes Picker, Harry Loye, Doc Despelder, Curt Later and Louie Thiele are still with us, and are out for all meetings.

Recent benedicts from our ranks are Bernard Nagelvoort, Frank Howlett and Ed Newhall.

After the holidays we expect to resume the regular monthly meetings, and Prexy Wolfe says there will be "much doing."

E. T. PHENEY.

MILWAUKEE ALUMNI CHAPTER

THE Milwaukee Alumni chapter staged a very successful dinner and bridge party last month at one of the local hotels. Seventeen Sig Eps, principally from Wisconsin Beta and Alpha chapters, with a good representation from other chapters about the country, together with their wives and sweethearts, attended the party. Sig Ep playing cards were given as prizes. Outside of Bob Wilson losing a deck of cards which he had furnished for the party, there were no serious casualties. He won one of the prizes and so recouped his loss.

W. H. Eastman is secretary of the local Rotary Club.

H. D. Mac Farlane was elected to the Board of Governors of the Bond Club.

Hans Feldman recently was chairman of an American Legion committee which sponsored a Good Will air tour of Wisconsin cities. He spent several days "upon the air." Not a single mishap occurred on the trip.

Eustace Faust joined the ranks of the benedicts as did Victor Werner.

H. G. Abendroth is president of the Milwaukee Society of Accountants.

Gerald J. O'Hanlon accepted a position with the Canada Biscuit Co., of London, Ont., Canada.

Russell Davis, representing the Chain Belt Co., at Houston, Texas, is back for an extended visit.

Earl Brandau and Roland Wiethaupt have increased their chest expansion on account of family additions.

All in all the brothers here are doing well.

H. G. ABENDROTH.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

THE last meeting of this association was held at the chamber of commerce in Nashville, Tenn., on the night of December 14, 1927. Fifteen brothers were present and there was great rejoicing that our section of the country had secured another chapter in Alabama Beta. It was impossible for any representative of the association to attend the installation of this chapter, which was drawing to a close that very night, on account of the fact that it was held during the middle of the week.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has been materially strengthened in this section during the past year by additions of brothers from different sections of the country. We are represented in Vanderbilt University here by the following: Dorsey Hardeman, Florida Alpha; Holland McTyeire, Virginia Eta; Hume Bracy, Tennessee Alpha; John Hocker, Virginia Epsilon; John Y. Sugg, Tennessee Alpha. The first three are students in the law school, the others in the medical school.

Sugg, who works in the bacteriology department in addition to taking classes, has recently had some of his work published in the Journal of Experimental Medicine.

Fred Thomason, Tennessee Alpha, is here studying for his Ph.D. degree at Pea-

body College. Thomason, who was one of the best athletes ever to attend Tennessee and a member of Phi Kappa Phi, has been connected with the McCallie School for boys at Chattanooga for the past ten years. He received his Masters degree from Tennessee in 1925.

Allen J. Carter, Virginia Zeta, is with the Epworth League with offices at 810 Broadway.

Wallace H. Strowd, Wisconsin Beta, is secretary of the Soft Wheat Millers Association, with offices at 1527 Broadway.

Two more Delaware Alpha men have been added to the Sig Ep colony of the du Pont Fiber Silk Company at Old Hickory, Tenn. This makes five members of this colony, four of them being from Delaware. These four, with Brother Ferguson, give our association rather a "Washington crossed the Delaware" flavor. That chapter certainly puts out "some bull artists."

E. H. QUALLS.

PUGET SOUND ALUMNI CHAPTER

THE year 1928 holds possibilities of being the greatest year ever for the Puget Sound Alumni Chapter.

It is generally known that the 1928 Conclave will be held on the Pacific Coast. We have put our shoulders to the wheel, making every possible effort to let the members of the Executive Committee know that all "Sig Eps" in the Pacific Northwest want to be host to this important meeting in the city of Seattle. We have every reason to feel that no mistake will be made in awarding the Conclave to the "Charmed Land" of the American continent, where a temperate sun and a mild climate prevail.

The Puget Sound Alumni Chapter has been organized for a number of years, but never before has it felt such a great desire to do something worthy in the promotion of the welfare of the fraternity. We have never before experienced a better feeling of cooperation, each member desiring to make the year a year of success.

The officers of the chapter for the ensuing year are: Freeman C. Scharr, president; Professor W. Bird, vice-president; G. Kenneth Hillman, secretary and treasurer; Herbert E. Zobrist, historian; Allen A. Weymouth, guard; W. Ward Davison, Edwin S. Scotten, marshals.

Nels Mattson, who has been with the A. C. M. at Anaconda for the past two years, recently returned to the coast for the purpose of leaving bachelorhood—we do not know the name of the lady.

At our last Friday luncheon at the Koffee Katz, we learned that Elliott Kohne had married Miss Irene Smale, in Los Angeles. After thirty days Brother Kohne will receive respects at home in Glendale. Not to be outdone by his younger brother, Russel A. Kohne passed the cigars in announcing his engagement to Miss Margaret McKay, from Sedro-Woolley, Wash. Nothing slow about these Kohne brothers.

Frank Haggerty, coach at the new John Marshal Junior High School, was married on December 18, 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Moser received a visit from the stork shortly before Christmas and were presented with an eight and a half pound baby girl.

From Mount Vernon comes late news that Art Kane is the father of a boy, who promises to be a Husky.

Wm. H. Smith of Tacoma has recently been presented with a daughter.

Eugene Hooper has removed his law offices from Tacoma to Seattle, and is now located in the Lowman Bldg.

Two other brothers have recently located in Seattle. Irwin Landrum, Kansas Alpha, is now associated with the Zobrist-Dickinson Co., enterprising radio dealers. Harry Sovereign, Colorado Alpha, has recently located here after spending several years in tropical Mexico.

Through the efforts of George DeSelle the chapter is meeting for luncheon every Friday noon at the Koffee Katz in the Hoge building. These luncheons have been a wonderful success, as is exemplified by a large turn-out each week.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held at the Washington Beta chapter house on Tuesday, January 10.

HERBERT ZOBRIST.

A SCOTCH STORY

"What do you say to a burlesque show, Ed?"

"Not today. Tom; let's go up to Fifth Avenue and watch the girls get on the busses. Lots cheaper."—N. Y. Medley.

CHAPTER NEWS ARTICLES

FIRST DISTRICT

VERMONT ALPHA

VERMONT Alpha was again fortunate in possessing a majority of lettermen in football. Captain Sherman, Ellis, Molter, Daley, Hourin, O'Donnel, Warning and Tansey received their "V" for services on the eleven this fall. In addition to these men Vermont Alpha had five sophomores on the squad, Levins, Titus, Barney, Fuller and Fullerton. Indications are that these men will be leading candidates for positions on next year's team.

Vermont Alpha again had the football captain, Shuman, president of the chapter. This makes three consecutive years that this honor has fallen to a member of this chapter. In addition, Ted O'Donnel is captain-elect of the 1928 team. At the present time there are three ex-football captains that are active members of the house. Crowley, elected in his sophomore year, Molter, captain of the 1926 team and Sherman, leader this fall.

At the elections held recently, Simpson was made manager of the 1928 eleven. Furbush was named manager of freshman football.

With the opening of the wrestling season a few Sig Eps were numbered among the leading contenders. Crowley in the 175-pound class and Molter in the unlimited. Smith may join the squad later if his condition permits.

The basketball season found three members of the house numbered among the regulars of the team. O'Donnel, '29, Aimi, '29, and Vaudy, '30. Atherton, '30, is making a strong bid for a position.

The house is especially fortunate in having four regulars on the hockey team. Sherman, Ellis, Warning and Fullerton are holders of regular positions. Barney, '30, is one of the first-string substitutes. Ellis was made captain of the team at a recent election.

The newly formed Norwich Dramatic Club has chosen Rabidon as president. Barney, Blair and Humphreys are members of the organization.

At the recent meeting of the Trails Association of New England, Simpson and Gaffey were Norwich representatives of the Outing Club. Rabidon, '28, is president of the organization, with Gaffey '30, treasurer and Simpson, '29, secretary.

With practically every man in some extra-curricular activity, Sig Ep has found time to maintain the academic standing of the chapter. With the publication of the academic standing of the fraternities last June, it was found that we occupied second position. Humphrey, '28, is holder of the academic medal for highest general average among men of the senior class. Bullock, '30, and Ricci, '29, are high-ranking men in their respective classes. Bullock being second and Ricci fifth with the publication of relative standings.

Sherman is president and Molter secretary of the senior class. Wiggin is secretary of the junior class. Barney and Warning are vice president and secretary, respectively in the class of 1930.

VERMONT BETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

SECOND DISTRICT

WEST VIRGINIA BETA

WEST Virginia Beta is proud of the number of brothers who have been initiated into the campus organizations. Albert Glenn and Charles Steele have been taken into The Mountain, a very highly honored organization. Charles Lemley, Vane Robbins and Dhilton Farmer have been initiated into Torch and Serpent, a sophomore organization. William Kim-

mins was initiated into Phi Beta Pi, an honorary medical fraternity.

The chapter held a Christmas party on December 20. Following dinner on that evening the group attended a theatre in a body after which a smoker was held accompanied by the distribution of gifts to the brothers by Santa Claus, George Nixon. The occasion was enjoyed by everyone present.

Donald Steele, who graduated in June, 1927, with an A.B. in chemistry, was married to Miss Katherine Laubenstein on December 1 in Clarksburg, W. Va. Charles Steele and Gay Fleshman attended the wedding as best man and usher, respectively. Don Steele has returned to Morgantown where he is employed in the agricultural extension department of the university.

DELAWARE ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA

THE interest in winter activities seems to be centered about wrestling. Jack Eldrige is a member of the sophomore wrestling team, and is a strong contender for the varsity team. Jim Tomb has reached the finals for the junior team. One pledge has reached the finals for the freshman wrestling team, and other pledge is out for boxing. Still another plebe is trying for a position on the freshman rifle team.

The chapter is active in social functions this year. A combined dance with the Theta Xi's has been arranged for the night after the sophomore hop, in February. A return dance will be held in April, after the junior prom. The chapter is arranging for an exchanging of dinners with other fraternities in the near future. The purpose of this is to bring the Penn State fraternities into closer contact.

Pennsylvania Eta has a fine chance to win interfraternity championships in several sports this year. We have exceptionally good material for wrestling, and good chances for the baseball championship. The chapter also has excellent opportunities in spring sports, and it will be a great surprise and disappointment if we don't bring home a few cups this year.

KENNETH D. HOFF.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

PENNSYLVANIA Epsilon has just witnessed a most successful fall season. Every member was busily engaged in one or more activities on the campus. Not only did the man partake in these activities but they also enjoyed several social functions which were held at the chapter house.

On the football field we were represented by five men, all of whom made out very well. Tom Brennan won his letter, playing a very nice game at end. Neath, Bennett, and a pledge did themselves justice playing on the junior varsity. Another pledge was the outstanding performer of the freshmen line, holding down the center position. All these men look top-notch for varsity next fall.

Besides his football scoring, Tom Brennan has kept busy writing up the athletic review column for the Brown & White, our semi-weekly paper. Ward Wiegand, circulation manager of the Brown & White and Milton Muntrick, assistant business manager, are working hard on the paper. Reed Laird and a pledge have been awarded membership to the business staff and the editorial staff, respectively, for their good work during the competition. We now have our usual number on the board.

The Mustard and Cheese Club, the dramatic club, had three of our boys busy. Tom Brennan again played an important role in the fall production and the club orchestra had Dave Fluharty and Ken Eckrote at its services. The musical and glee clubs have Fluharty and Eckrote, as well as Neath, Potter, Zeigler and Laird in their midst.

Just now wrestling has seized the interest of Ziegler, Muntrick and two pledges. Ward Wiegand, the freshman wrestling manager, is with his boys every day and hopes to have a winning team. Bill Bateman, who returned to school after a year's absence, is out for the wrestling managerial competition.

Al Harris, the newly elected freshman baseball manager, is already planning a fine schedule for the yearly ball team.

George Turn is out for the swimming team and with his freshman record in back of him, he ought to fare well for a place on the varsity. A pledge, who is a diver of note, won honors in the inter-mural meet just prior to the Christmas vacation.

Art McNickle, chairman of the social committee, has arranged several Sunday afternoon teas, all of which proved social

successes. Now McNickle is working on a house dance to be held just before the beginning of the second semester. We are all looking forward to this affair.

The entire chapter has enjoyed two big dinners given prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The house chef and his wife were responsible for both of these most delicious dinners and we all appreciate their interest.

With the approach of mid-years all the boys are settling down to their books. It is our aim to head the fraternity list in the scholastic dating this term and we ought to do it.

MILTON MUNTRICK.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA

AS the school year moves on, so the chapter passes through social functions, athletic competitions, daily math quizzes, and the good old bull sessions. The social season, so prevalent in the house during November, is a distinct contrast to the diligent studying now appearing as an indication that semester examinations are upon us.

On November 11, the house was decorated and prepared for an Armistice dance. Seven brothers, all members of Nebraska Alpha, and also the Nebraska football team, were the guests of honor at the affair. A theatre party was held the next week on the 18th. Over thirty men attended this and sojourned to the chapter house afterwards for eats, smokes, and music. November 19 gave the chapter an opportunity to hold a rushing dance which proved very successful.

The Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter, on Thanksgiving night, was host to the active chapter at a dance given in the chapter house. The function was completely managed by the alumni, with Sherman Hanley as chairman of the committee. Decorations of blue and white prevailed, as many Sig Eps from Pennsylvania Eta were also present. Everything was turkey. Over fifty couples filled the house to capacity.

Two brothers, Leon J. Hartman and William S. Kousman, were fortunate in having the opportunity of visiting the Colorado Beta house while on their way to Oregon where Kousman played on the Carnegie Tech football team against the Oregon Aggies.

John W. McNair has been awarded his "C" in cross country. This year completes McNair's third year as a member of the varsity team. Neil D. Cole, presi-

dent of the Clef Club, musical honorary society, has been initiated into Eta Kappa Nu, national electrical honorary fraternity. Cole is also a member of the Kiltie Band. Alpha Rho Chi, national fraternity for architects, has pledged William Glynne Jones. Jones, at present, is leading literary critic for the Carnegie Puppet. Robert W. Wood is junior manager of the varsity swimming team. Eugene D. Jarcoma and Henry L. Bunker, Jr., have been appointed to the staff of the Carnegie Tartan.

Christmas holidays gave the brothers a relief from hard work and most of them returned to their homes for a well earned vacation. About ten men remained at the house and several dances were held to help celebrate their idleness. After the fun was all over and everybody back, studying came into prominence and is the major indoor sport at the present time.

One of the biggest events of the year was held on Sunday evening, January 8. A farewell banquet in honor of the alumni treasurer, Harry F. Dieter, was held at the Garden Tea Rooms. Over fifty brothers assembled to pay their compliments to Brother Dieter as he was leaving for Paris, France, to take over the control of the advertising department of a large American concern. His place, as alumni treasurer, is being filled by Samuel Edgar Bittner.

The chapter is now training for the interfraternity basketball games which start February 6. Pennsylvania Theta has one of the best teams in recent years and should win the league championship, if hopes and players mature as they should.

ROBERT W. WOOD.

NEW YORK ALPHA

NEW York Alpha is striving to get all of its members interested in activities. It is the time of year which affords this opportunity.

Marvin Gibson was made alternate on the football managerial staff. At the present time Irving Rude is a candidate for commodore of crew. A pledge is trying to be a second Miller Huggins and is reporting daily as a candidate for baseball manager.

Harvey Andra, a sophomore, who received his freshman numerals in track, has made Coach Tom Keane's training table and will no doubt run on the indoor mile relay team. Although Syracuse university has abolished minor sports for the future, they are going to continue hockey.

boxing and wrestling for the remainder of their respective seasons. Manford Jerome and Harry Mathewson have very good prospects of making regular places on the hockey team. A pledge is on the wrestling squad.

Swimming is the only minor sport that the university has decided to retain, and James Baylie is almost sure of a position on the water polo team.

The university has been considering the matter of abolishing "gang parties," but as yet nothing has been decided and our chapter has recently entertained the Alpha Chi Omega chapter.

Plans have also been made for a formal dance to be held at the chapter house on February 4.

W. KEPNER.

NEW YORK BETA

DURING the last three months New York Beta has had extra-curricular and scholastic honors bestowed upon her members in no small degree. On November 19 eleven freshmen were initiated.

On the same day the chapter welcomed Louis Krimmer Wilson, law, '30, as an honorary member.

The annual Christmas party was held on December 13, and our town and faculty alumni joined whole-heartedly in the gaiety of the occasion.

Following the custom of recent years the freshmen won a decisive victory over the sophomores in the annual wrestling match between the two classes and the sophomores assumed the freshman duties for a week after the Christmas recess. The Christmas party followed close upon the heels of our very successful fall dance which was given on December 7.

Theodore H. Anderson, '28, has been appointed a member of the class day committee, and at present he is much concerned with the task of selecting a suitable color scheme for the Senior Blazers.

Charles Allen Clement, '28, was recently elected to Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic society.

John W. Henrich, '28, recently starred in the dramatic club production, R. U. R.

Robert M. Leng, '28, manager of freshman track, piloted his yearlings to the recent I. C. A. A. A. cross country meet at New York, while Roger W. Jones, '28, manager of the Cornell Musical Clubs and Louis S. Bock, '29, trombonist of the clubs, are still arguing with him about the superior merits of a two

weeks' musical tour of the Cornell centers of the country.

Arch P. Smith, Jr., '29, assistant manager of crew, was recently elected to Aleph Semach, honorary junior society. He is also receiving hearty congratulations upon his initiation into Chi Epsilon, national honorary civil engineering society, and Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering society.

Phillips K. Champion and Edwin W. Jamieson, both of the class of '30, went with the football team to Hanover for the Dartmouth game and to Philadelphia for the annual Pennsylvania game. Neither saw action in the games, but as they are sophomores we hope for great things of them. H. B. Williams, '30, L. D. McDowell, '30, and L. S. Bock, '29, were on the sidelines with the band at the Penn game.

Three of our freshmen brothers are now wearing the numerals of the class of '31. John S. McGowin and Robert E. Cleland won theirs in football while James R. Knipe was one of the mainstays of the freshman soccer team. Not satisfied with one set of numerals Cleland is now the star of the freshman weight throwers and Knipe has joined the sprinters for winter training. John McGowin is resting temporarily while amassing honor points in the college of architecture. Among the rest of the freshmen, S. K. Bock is trying hard to gain the position of center on the basketball squad, and E. T. McLean, H. E. Fischer and C. A. Reese, all six footers, are rowing with the freshmen crew squad.

LOUIS DONALD McDOWELL.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

FOLLOWING a fall season replete with social and campus activities, Michigan Alpha is starting out the new year with a renewed interest in cooperation, work, and activities that is leading us to believe this year will be one of the most successful in the history of Michigan Alpha.

During the first semester twelve new men were pledged. Their interest in the many campus affairs has forecast a bright future. Lee Bookwalter was appointed chairman of the social committee of the freshman class while Ed Weinman has already proved his worth as a musician, playing with the varsity and reserve bands. He is also a member of the auditing committee of the freshman class. Leon Lyle is on the fencing squad, and Leon Wilder

is a member of the freshman basketball squad.

Although Michigan Alpha seems to be suffering at the present time from a dearth of athletes, publications, managerships and politics have received their share of attention. Charles Behmyer is the editor of the new campus publication, *The Michigan Weekly*. He was also awarded a scholarship amounting to \$100.00 for maintaining a high scholastic average during his four semesters' work on publications.

Harold Hager is on the wrestling team. He is wrestling in the 175-pound class, having been runner-up in the all-campus tournament this year.

Among the sports managers this year are found the names of two Sig Eps. William Theilman, who held the position of hockey manager last year, is now minor sports manager. Wynn Wakeman is inter-scholastic sports manager.

Earl Gremel has been elected to the 1929 J-hop committee and is chairman of the committee arranging for the music. A house party has been planned for that week-end, February 3-5, for all the brothers attending the hop.

Intramural athletics, under the capable management of Howard Storen, have been coming in for their full share of the spotlight. Michigan Alpha placed well up towards the top in the fall series of events which included competition in speedball, handball, and swimming. At present the Class A basketball team is in the midst of its schedule, having won three games and losing one. Class B basketball will start soon after the second semester gets under way.

A Christmas farewell party was held on the evening of December 15 in the chapter house and provided a most fitting climax to our fall social season. After a delightful dinner the brothers all gathered for a good get-together before departing for home the next day. Everyone was presented with a novelty gift and the spirit with which they were received and the general display of good fellowship was indeed gratifying.

The annual Christmas formal was held on the evening of December 9 and our other dance was given the night preceding the Ohio State game. We have been visited by alumni and brothers from other chapters many week-ends throughout the fall and were glad to see them all. Dan D'Auito, Traveling Secretary of the fraternity, spent several days with us during November, but our only regret is that he was unable to stay longer than he did.

Ethan K. Stevens, New York Beta, is with us this year. Steve is in his second year in law school and has already proved a great help to us.

News to the effect that Franklin C. Cappon will return to Michigan next year as assistant football coach has been received with much pleasure. "Cappie" has been gone for two years, during which time he has fulfilled the position of head coach at Kansas University, and the brothers are anxiously awaiting the time when he will again put in an appearance at the chapter house.

DONALD J. KLINE.

THIRD DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA

GEORGE Washington University was recently presented with the largest single endowment fund in the history of the school when the supreme council, Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern Jurisdiction, announced the gift of \$1,000.00 for the establishment of a school of government. The endowment was made to the University as "A memorial to George Washington" in line with the desire expressed in his will and for the fulfillment of which he left some money. Two chairs were established in the proposed school of foreign service by the board of directors of the national league of Masonic Clubs. This gift is entirely separate from the above. Our new president of the University is Cloyd Heck Maivon, former president of the University of Arizona and a graduate of Leland Stanford University.

Everyone is now working hard for the bowling season and Harvard Reginald Osmond, our captain, is rounding the team into good shape.

The "unique" informal of the school year was held by District of Columbia Alpha on Monday, January 2. It was one of those spontaneous affairs where everyone becomes affiliated with a "date" at the last moment, but it turned out to be one of the most enjoyable dances of the year. The music was furnished by Laurence Leeb at the piano, Arthur Davis and his violin, and a pledge on the banjo. Howard Eager tried his hand at the drums from time to time.

M. L. Hankal visited his brother at Daytona, Florida, during Christmas and

stopped off in Tennessee on his return trip.

Twenty-six men are now living in the house which uses up all of our available space.

After six years as a member of District of Columbia Alpha, the last two as president, Thomas Keener Mount is leaving us. He has secured a position in the legal division of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and will leave on the first of February to assume his new duties at Hartford, Conn. His loss will be very keenly felt by the chapter.

James F. Healey has just been elected a member of Gate and Key, local honorary fraternity.

Plans are now being made for our annual banquet. It is expected that Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips will be with us again this year as he has not missed a gathering of this kind in the history of District of Columbia Alpha.

ARTHUR M. DAVIS.

VIRGINIA ALPHA

VIRGINIA Alpha has up to this time had one of its best years. In addition to the fifteen active members who returned to school, two new brothers have been added to the membership, M. D. Harris and H. B. Showalter, both upperclassmen. All have been working hard and the chapter has accomplished a great deal.

Four of the brothers were awarded football letters, White receiving his letter in that branch of athletics for the first time, having performed admirably in the position of guard. The others receiving letters are Peterson, halfback; T. Sanford, tackle; N. Sanford, quarterback. Our other football letter man, Guy Mattox, was taken away from the game through an operation, and so could not receive another letter this year. Dickerson was also on the squad as substitute center, and one of the pledges was end substitute.

Joe Deatelhauser is assistant manager of football for 1928, while T. Sanford is captain of the next year's team, holding the same position R. Sanford held two years ago.

Virginia Alpha has two representatives on the all-state college team, selected by the state coaches; these are Peterson and T. Sanford, the latter of which was placed by sports writers on the all-state team which includes the largest colleges in the state.

Sigma Phi Epsilon was pre-eminently outstanding in the Omicron Delta Kappa election. This is a national honorary fraternity, and to be elected to its membership is the highest honor a man can receive at this school. Guy Mattox, T. Sanford and N. Sanford received this honor, while the other six men elected were to be divided among eight other fraternities. It so happens that all three of these brothers are members of the student senate, N. Sanford having been elected this year. Lee Gaskins is another of our chapter in the Student Government Association, being at the present time secretary of that organization.

Those outstanding social lights of the chapter who belong to the German Club are Gary, Peterson, and Crenshaw, the last having recently been elected. All of the dances given this year have been given in the spacious quarters of the national headquarters. The last dance given just before Christmas was one of the best yet given, and was accorded by all the outstanding social events of the season.

Only three letter men in basketball returned this year; all of these were Sig Eps, Gaskins, T. Sanford and Herbie Peterson, state high point scorer for the past two years. T. Sanford was second runner-up last year. In the opening game of the season four of the team were Sig Eps, N. Sanford being added to those already mentioned. Peterson, in addition to his scoring honors, is captain of the team and under his leadership it is expected to do great work. Ritter is out for assistant manager of basketball and is working hard to gain that position.

In regard to indoor track, we have two men out. White, a letter man of last year, and Deatelhauser, are both in good shape to make fine records.

Phipps is doing excellent work as head cheer leader; he also works on both the Web and the Collegian staffs.

Outstanding work is being done by N. Sanford who is literary critic of the Philologist Literary Society.

The most successful rushing season conducted in many years was completed this fall. A group of nine excellent pledges was welcomed by the chapter, and they have begun work in earnest for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

All of the pledges are doing exceptionally good class work, and we feel confident that all will pass classes enough to be initiated.

M. ROBERT BUCKLEY.

VIRGINIA EPSILON

EXAMINATIONS are over. That thought alone is sufficient excuse for living. And we are glad to say that Virginia Epsilon passed through that ordeal with her usual good fortune and . . . er . . . brains.

And after all our worry and work we were rewarded. After exams came "fancy dress." Ah, even the name sends quivers of delight up and down our backs. All the gay pageantry of the mediaeval festivals and all the loud revelry of the bacchanalian feasts crowded into two days—that's "fancy dress." Is it any wonder that we are able to survive examinations?

But now all that is only a memory, and we have returned once more to the serious life. Deep mysteries are to be revealed and ancient methods of torture are to be revived, for initiation time is at hand. The pledges have proved themselves and have won that privilege, that of treading the paths which hundreds before have trod.

The work of the chapter is going on. Her members are doing their share in the work of campus activities from athletics to publication work. Each man according to his ability—and so they choose their part.

It might be mentioned, in closing, that Kurth has a new car. Not only do we congratulate him, but also we congratulate ourselves that at last we have a real car in our midst.

J. B. CLOWER, JR.

VIRGINIA DELTA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

VIRGINIA ZETA

VIRGINIA Zeta started the year by pledging seven new men who are taking part in many of the campus activities. Five of them are members of the freshman class, and the other two are sophomores.

When school started this year we were in doubt as to whether or not we would be represented on the gridiron, but one of our pledges relieved the doubt by holding down right end on the varsity, and thereby winning his letter. Basketball has started and the varsity is performing in great style. One of our pledges is holding down a position on the team. Another pledge is playing forward on the

freshman team, and bids fair to develop into a fine player.

Brown and Bowman are in the college orchestra, Brown playing the bass horn and Bowman, the trumpet. The noise which they make when practicing in the house is awful, but it does sound better in the orchestra. A pledge represents us in the glee club.

Shirkey did not return to school after Christmas, but is going to Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. His presence will be greatly missed, especially since he was president of the chapter. Duncan was chosen to fill his place.

Duncan was instrumental in the organization of this year's boxing team. He was one of the mainstays on the team year before last, and we are sure that his return to school will strengthen the team considerably. He is also on the debating team.

ROBERT S. MONTGOMERY.

VIRGINIA ETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA

NORTH Carolina Gamma can boast this year of what we consider a very successful rushing season which was followed by the pledging of a goodly part of the best material on the campus. As a result of hearty cooperation and earnest efforts on the part of every old member during the past rushing season we found it possible to pledge more than the average number of men per fraternity and still maintain our old slogan of "Quality before Quantity."

We are steadily increasing our heretofore normal interest in activities as may be seen by the fact that we are represented in most of the social and honorary organizations on the campus.

In the glee club we have three men including Bruce Alexander who is widely known both for his ability as a pianist and as student director of the Duke University glee club. Even the preachers want to dance when he plays. James Truesdale is editor-in-chief of the 1928 Chanticleer and has adopted as his "platform" "A bigger and better annual to be delivered at an earlier date than usual." Also James Stanley holds the office of

social fraternity editor on the annual staff. Truesdale has also been elected to Phi Beta Kappa with a very high average. Our representation in other honorary organizations has been considerably increased by the recent elections.

Several of the pledges have shown an admirable interest in activities and are receiving all due encouragement from the officers and members of the chapter.

The new pictures and other room decorations have added greatly to the appearance of our chapter room and we are now ready to match it with any on the campus for beauty, taste, and neatness.

One of our very active members and former historian, Lawrence L. Plate, has gone west to make his home in sunny California, and although we hated to lose him, we know that wherever he goes it will be a benefit to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We have pledged and initiated Fletcher Nelson who comes here as a graduate student from Hendrix College in Arkansas. Brother Nelson was editor-in-chief of his college annual last year and is proving a great help to Brother Truesdale in his work on the annual.

J. S. STANLEY, JR.

NORTH CAROLINA DELTA

A fraternity basketball league got under way the first of the quarter, and the chapter has a promising team representing it. Sapp is captain and Ragan, manager. Others on the squad are Dougherty, Parks, Alexander and two pledges.

The chapter has quite a few luminaries in winter sports. Dodderr, two years All-Southern, is burning 'em up again on the court. His great defensive work has been a feature of Carolina's to date undefeated record and has called forth much praise from the scribes of the sports writing clan.

Sapp, who played such a jam-up football game last fall, is out for boxing and looks sure of a berth before many more meets have passed. He is a light heavy-weight, a powerful hitter, and intramural champion of the campus last year.

A pledge who was the only undefeated man on Carolina's championship wrestling team last season, was elected captain for this year but it is highly likely that his studies will keep him from participating in wrestling this year. He entered the medical school in the fall, and this has left him with too little spare time to follow the mat.

A number of the pledges are out for freshman sports, following in the footsteps of the members of the chapter.

A get-together banquet with our alumni has been planned for the near future and this, with the chapter's annual dance, which will probably take place some time in February, are being looked forward to with great interest. The banquet was planned with the idea of establishing closer relations with alumni, and of getting together with the "old boys" on the subject of a home for North Carolina Delta. The university is opening some new fraternity property as soon as the committee which is handling it meets, and the chapter is seeking a lot in this development, with a house soon to go up.

FOURTH DISTRICT

OHIO ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

OHIO EPSILON

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

OHIO GAMMA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

INDIANA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

ILLINOIS ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

FIFTH DISTRICT

ALABAMA ALPHA

ALABAMA Alpha was somewhat handicapped at the beginning of the year, due to a general decrease in the enrollment at Auburn. However, we came through the rushing season unusually well, thanks to a busy rushing committee. Thirteen must have been unlucky because we have only eleven pledges now.

The football season at Auburn proved to be disastrous; Auburn not winning a game. This was largely due to the college administration which was all upset. Coach Morey resigned in the middle of the season, and later the president re-

signed. There is a decided calm after much wrangling and Auburn is looking forward to more successful years. Ellis, the outstanding star of the football team, is now holding down his berth at forward, on a team that bids fair to win the Southern Conference championship.

Six brothers went over to install Alabama Beta. They were Stewart, Wilson, De Vaughn, McAllister, Spigener and Gray. While enroute the boys were delightfully entertained by Sigma Delta Chi, the petitioning local at Howard College, Birmingham.

Our basketball team, which went to the semi-finals last year, is priming up to win the interfraternity championship this year.

Exams end January 26, and then there will be a gathering, and what a three-day gathering it will be—the Mid-Season Prom.

THOMAS GRAY.

GEORGIA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

ALABAMA BETA

IT is with a great deal of pride that Alabama takes its place among the roster of the Sig Eps.

The new year promises to be a very successful one for the baby chapter as it is well represented in the activities of the university campus. We have three freshmen on the football squad who give promise of a varsity berth in the following years. We have one man on the freshman baseball team and two on the basketball team. Talley Hayes, who broke the university record in the 100 yard dash and the broad jump as a freshman, will hold up the Sig Ep standard on the track team.

In the university clubs and honorary societies we have a very creditable representation. John Vining is a member of Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society, and Delta Sigma Pi, commerce fraternity. Robert Coburn holds the position of cheer-leader at the university and is a member of the Excelsior Literary Society. Gene Gibson and Richmond Hobson are members of the Glee Club and play the saxophone and banjo respectively. Gibson is also manager of the glee club orchestra and has a nine piece orchestra of his own. Carl Booth is a member of the Law Forum. Gordon Lindsay serves on the business staff of the Crimson-White, the weekly newspaper,

and is a member of the Blackfriars Dramatic Club, and the R. O. T. C. rifle team. George Morris and Ray Biggs are in the university band. Paul Lacour is a member of the Gate Club, a society for defeated politicians, Society of American Military Engineers, and is serving on the business staff of the Corolla, the year book. Robert Maxwell is a member of Tau Beta Pi and holds a fellowship in physics.

Alabama Beta has several members who are living at the Phi Beta Pi house, an honorary medical fraternity. We are also very fortunate in having Dr. Carmichael, of Colorado Alpha, as our alumni advisor, he being a professor in the medical school.

GORDON W. LINDSAY.

TENNESSEE ALPHA

FOR the fourth consecutive year Tennessee Alpha retains the unusual distinction of having a student representative on the athletic association. Alley succeeds Cooley to this coveted honor, and his election came as the result of the most overwhelming majority ever recorded in the history of the school.

The annual dinner dance which is given by the chapter to precede the mid-winter dances, was one of the most colorful affairs of the entire social season, and included in the guest list was the winner of a contest to determine the most beautiful girl in the south. This young lady received the attention of quite a few of the unattached brothers, and almost succeeded in precipitating a new, as well as an unusual, civil war.

Sigma Phi Epsilon at Tennessee are wagering every cent that they can acquire on the outcome of the relay carnival, which will be held in the near future. The present team of veterans in their daily workouts appear to be faster than ever, time for the last two years, but have and inasmuch as they have made the fastest time for the last two years, but have been disqualified because of technicalities, it seems as though the faith of the brothers is not misplaced.

R. Y. YOUNGSTADT.

FLORIDA ALPHA

THE event of greatest importance occurring since the November publication of the JOURNAL was an intimation which took place on December 10, 1927. At

this time three pledges were initiated.

Dale Vansickel, who so well represented Sigma Phi Epsilon in football this past season by his spectacular playing, has been doing equally well on the basketball court, showing up especially well against the Bull Dogs from Georgia.

Three of the brothers, Powell Majors, Harold Mace, and Burdett White attended the installation of the new chapter at the University of Alabama, and brought back a favorable report of that chapter and its prospective activities.

In the various intra-mural contests that have been held on the campus Florida Alpha has conducted herself not without honor, although we have not been the winners in any one tournament.

Gustave Click won a cup for us by placing first in the annual cross-country run held on homecoming day. He won with apparent ease. This makes the second time that Click has captured this trophy.

The entire chapter is in a mental turmoil due to the approaching mid-term exams which are only three weeks away, but the possible grief to come from these is off-set to a degree by the anticipation of the initiation which will soon follow.

Forrest Bratley was pledged to an honorary chemical fraternity, and Herbert Jackson, elected to Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholastic of the U. of Florida.

Carl Widell returned to school apparently recovered from his first two weeks of married life. One of the pledges also committed matrimony during the holidays, making a total of four married men in Florida Alpha.

One of the biggest and best things in the history of the chapter was the formation of a new alumni board, which occurred on homecoming day. Clarence H. Freeark, former Traveling Secretary, was elected president, Frederick R. Hocker, Virginia Eta, vice president, and Huber C. Hurst, of Florida Alpha, alumni treasurer. With this new organization the chapter should prosper, financially and otherwise, as never before.

TOM SMITH.

SIXTH DISTRICT

IOWA ALPHA

THUS far during the first semester Iowa Alpha has taken her place in the first ranks at Iowa Wesleyan not only in athletics but in every phase of college activity.

Three brothers and one pledge received letters in football, having played the required time to receive such distinction. The brothers were Park, Wood and Durst. Besides these, other brothers and pledges were out to help furnish the necessary competition to produce a winning team.

Then to capitalize the success of the football season Clinton Wood was elected captain to lead Iowa Wesleyan on the gridiron in 1928. He is a football hero worthy of the honor and a fellow who will give his all for the school and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The chapter has initiated one man during the first semester. William Zillmer has already proven that he is a brother of which we are proud. At present he is our basketball star. Besides Zillmer, Kruse and several pledges are battling for positions on the basketball team. Park, one of the best men, is not out this season.

Another thing which is of much interest to Iowa Alpha is the coming of Dr. James E. Coons to Iowa Wesleyan as her president. Dr. Coons is an honorary member in Sigma Phi Epsilon from Ohio Epsilon. The chapter gives him a hearty welcome as a brother in the fraternity, and as an administrator of the college and will do all in his power to give him support and to bring to the college more success.

GILL E. MILLER.

IOWA BETA

THE winter quarter finds us with an overflowing house. Besides last quarter's actives we have Mark Driftmeir and James Blair back with us in addition to a goodly number of new pledges. Driftmeir has been working with the state highway department and comes back to finish his course in civil engineering. Blair was welcomed not only by the boys at the house but by the college as a whole. He is a letter man from last year's wrestling team and has demonstrated that he has not lost any of his old skill by winning his first match in the dual meet with the University of Wisconsin.

Intramural sports are under way in full swing with basketball and wrestling occupying the limelight. Last quarter we succeeded in winning the championship of our league in Kittenball and as a result have been awarded a trophy to add to our ever growing collection.

Howard Handorf experienced a very profitable quarter last fall. He was elected

to two very worth-while honorary organizations, Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering, and Scabbard and Blade, national honorary military.

Francis Murray, house president, has just been elected vice president of the senior class. Paul Slegel is treasurer and acting general manager of Veisha, the most important of all student activities at Ames. Each year during the spring quarter Iowa State is put on display for three days. Classes are dismissed and the time devoted to open house, parades, student theatricals, and general festivities.

Scholastically Iowa Beta has shown a marked improvement over last spring quarter's work. While the standings have not been released by the registrar's office as yet, an unofficial average of the house shows that we should be well up towards the top.

The date for our formal dance has been set as March 24. All brothers who can come are cordially invited.

IOWA GAMMA

BECAUSE of the number of men at the house entering professional schools this year, hence not living at the house, and the failure of a number to return to school last fall, we were under sort of a handicap. However, we have come out from under the burden in great style and have twelve good pledges who will be candidates for initiation in the near future and a goodly number of prospective pledges for the second semester of the school year.

Our president, Lynn Smith, is leaving school at the end of the semester and we have elected as his successor Edward Wright, who has succeeded very well on the stage and at present is a member of the University Players.

Because of low scholarship last year, ranking twelfth out of the twenty-seven social fraternities on the campus, we are now deprived of our social privileges. However, we are working hard and feel sure to regain our privileges in the course of the following semester. We had the honor of Beta Gamma Sigma conferred upon one of our members this year. Taking into consideration that only five out of the commerce school, with an enrollment of about 1,000, were so honored we feel it to be quite an honor. We also have a young gentleman, Kelly Frazer, whom we feel will knock down the door to Phi Beta Kappa and get his key this spring.

Nick Carter, western conference breast-stroke champion, was elected as swimming captain and is the second Sig Ep in two years to hold this captaincy. Terry, assistant sports editor of the Daily Iowan, gives promise of establishing a name for himself in the 145-pound class in wrestling this year.

We are at present negotiating for a beautiful triangular site in fraternity circle where we hope, in the near future, to build a new home which will be an edifice to the men who have in the past striven so hard to put Sig Ep on the top.

ROY RODIN.

MINNESOTA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

Extra! Extra!!

ALL-Sig Ep Glee Club goes on tour! No, it isn't quite as good as that, but almost. Nine members of a club of thirty-two are from Wisconsin Alpha: Fredriksen, Leonardson, Knutzen, Westberg, Hendrikson—no, this is not the Minnesota Alpha chapter—Snyder, Roubush, and two pledges are our delegation. And the old gag about quality holds good. Knutzen is soloist, Roubush, accompanist, and Hendriksen, manager.

Nicaragua Disturbs Peace of Wisconsin Alpha!!

No, this isn't a Hearst paper. We're telling the truth. You see the college debating squad is arguing this year about the Nicaragua situation and Wisconsin Alpha is represented on that squad by Engquist and Verhage, and two pledges. Also, the coach and his assistant are Prof. "Al" Franzke and Krueger, brothers-at-large. Now you understand.

Sig Eps Win Croquet Tournament!!

Don't get excited. Wisconsin Alpha isn't getting senile yet. That was just a "scare" headline to get you all worked up about our tie for first place in Interfraternity Volleyball Tournament—you know it's supposed to be one of these "old men's games." Right now, we've got a red hot squad of fifteen men that won its first start handily. They're knocking the hoop cold with their sloppy shots. Brothers Schlagenhauf and Parker are doing likewise—but on the varsity squad.

Clean Sweep in Elections!

Yah, just what I said. Brothers Robson, Richards, and Challoner were elected

to National Collegiate Players this fall—and they were the only elections from the entire campus!

Five New Sisters!

But this is a serious matter. Wisconsin Alpha is proud to announce the initiation of Arthur Parker, John Hamburg, John Loefer Kenneth Miles, and Robert Alexander on November 18, 1927. Parker is a football and basketball man; Hamburg "wise cracks" in the humor column of the Lawrentian, school paper; Loefer is a zoology shark; Miles holds down one of those 95 averages you read so much about and never see; and "Cy" Alexander teaches school, goes to school, and plays a mean—and I mean "Mean"—forward on the fraternity team.

Sig Eps Blossom Out in Headlines!

They're going to, and have, now that Bruce MacInnis has taken charge of all the college publicity.

The above six stories are not advertisements.

JAMES L. C. FORD.

WISCONSIN BETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

NEBRASKA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

KANSAS ALPHA

AS the close of the first semester approaches, Kansas Alpha looks back over a very successful term, and gains new impetus for a greater work during the spring term. Football is over and we find seven brothers wearing the gold insignia of a championship team. "Abie" Fulton has changed the moleskin togs for a basketball outfit and is making a strong bid for the all-conference team. Fulton has played in all of the games so far this season and has been a powerful offensive man regardless of the fact that he plays one of the guard positions. Liston, Cheatum, Davis, and Kennedy are among the reserves. Mitchell and Boardman are members of the varsity debate squad. Football has given way to basketball and debate and Sig Eps are found prominent in these activities as they were in football.

Kansas Alpha is proud of one of our members "in faculate." Coach Emil Lis-

ton has been appointed to be an assistant instructor in the Harvard summer school of coaching. Coach Liston will receive his master's degree in physical education at Harvard this summer.

The scholastic standing of the chapter bids to be much higher this year than for several years previous. An intensive program for the betterment of our grades has been launched, and we are hoping to rank high in comparison to other organizations for this semester.

The spirit around the house is better this year than it has been for several years. Every man is entering into activities and is gaining honor for his fraternity. If this spirit prevails, the next semester holds great things for this chapter.

KANSAS BETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

KANSAS GAMMA

FRANKLIN C. Cappon, Michigan Alpha, who for two years has been head football coach at Kansas University, has handed in his resignation after a most successful season, topped by beating our old rival, Missouri University. He was immediately called back to his former position, assistant football coach, at his alma mater. Kansas Gamma has enjoyed his friendship and cooperation very much and extends to him its best wishes.

Kansas Gamma is enjoying a most successful season. Under the new activity and scholarship rulings more men are entering activities and our grades have shown a decided improvement.

Paxson, captain of the Kansas mat team, is working hard developing his team for this year and promises to have a good one. Paxson, himself, is a wrestler of no mean ability, taking second in the national meet last year. He wrestles in the 130-pound class.

Freese, the other member of the mat team from the house, wrestles in the heavyweight class and expects to win his third "K" this year.

A pledge was one of the four freshmen to win his numeral on the cross-country team.

Another pledge is showing up well on the freshman basketball team. Although the teams have not been chosen as yet, it looks as if he would make the first string.

Three parties have been held so far

this year, a pledge party, our annual fall party and a steak roast. All were successes.

Our annual Christmas dinner was held Wednesday evening before the start of Christmas vacation. Among the alumni who were present were Coach Cappon, Dr. Naismith, Professor Guy Smith, John Selig, Walter Schlatter and Dr. H. X. Dolan.

A recent visitor at the house was Pat Collins, catcher for the New York Yanks. Mr. Collins is the uncle of Brother Harshfield and makes his home in Kansas City. In intramural sports Kansas Gamma is making a very good showing. Although we did not win a place in the baseball tournament, we do expect to show up well in the handball and basketball games. Every man in the house is entered in the handball contest and out of the bunch we have three or four stars. The house has purchased new basketball uniforms of the fraternity colors with the Greek letters Sigma Phi Epsilon on the sweaters. Fifteen men have been working out regularly on the court and we expect to pick a mighty good team out of the squad. Both handball and basketball games start immediately after Christmas vacation.

The next social event of Kansas Gamma is our formal party, the date of which has not been announced.

GEORGE E. STAFFORD.

MISSOURI ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

ARKANSAS ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

OKLAHOMA ALPHA

CHRISTMAS vacations being over everyone is getting back into the swing the things with new enthusiasm obtained from a good vacation.

Basketball season is under way with McCoy, Patterson, Rogers and Dvoracek on the squad. McCoy, and Patterson have played in all the games so far this season, McCoy being a letter-man from last year.

Three boys at the house made letters in football in the season just finished. McCoy made his third varsity letter in

football. Patterson his second and Phil Rogers his first. McCoy played quarterback, Patterson guard and Rogers center. Betts and Ellis made all the trip but did not quite letter.

Active members of the fraternity entertained alumni and pledges with a Founders Day banquet, Sunday, October 30, following the homecoming football game with Creighton. The affair was held on that date so that it would be possible to have more of the alumni back, it being homecoming and the week-end. Ninety plates were served at one large table in the dining room of the Going Hotel. The room was fittingly decorated, and the program consisted of fraternity songs, speeches by ex-presidents, charter members and newly elected officers of the alumni corporation. Many alumni who had not been back for several years were there.

On December 3 the pledges gave their annual "hoose-gow hop." Invitation in the form of warrants for arrest were sent out and all guests, members and pledges assembled at the "jail" (Legion hall) for the affair. The pledges were attired as hardened convicts in the conventional prisoner's garb. The windows of the hall were all barred, a rock pile was at one end of the hall and there was a barred pen for the stags in the center of the hall. After an enjoyable evening in which everyone had been sentenced to dance, pardons were issued by Mother Lipscomb and the affair was over. Plans are now under way for the Valentine formal, February 10.

DONALD WOOLSEY.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

COLORADO ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

COLORADO BETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

COLORADO GAMMA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

COLORADO DELTA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

"I suppose you'll see Trajan's column while you're in Rome?"
 "Yes, I'll probably read it every morning."—*Chicago Phoenix*.

NINTH DISTRICT

WASHINGTON ALPHA

WASHINGTON Alpha started out with a very successful rushing week. Football numerals were awarded to eight pledges. Another pledge, who played regularly became ineligible. Our pledges are also represented in other campus activities.

Politically, the Sig Eps are well represented. Gerald Dixon is chairman of the W. S. C. booster committee, and Gilbert Harms is chairman of the senior social committee. Jack Chandler is a member of the A. S. S. C. W. board of control. A pledge is vice president of the frosh class. The Sig Eps doing work on the campus publications are making good. Don Phipps is advertising manager of the Evergreen. Stanley Williams has been elected to the editorial staff, and Milton Horn has been named on the business staff. A pledge is circulation manager of the Evergreen, while another pledge has been elected as a reporter. On the Cougar Paw staff, Horn is assistant business manager, and Lawrence McDougall and Francis Kain are doing circulation work.

This fall Gerald Dixon was initiated into the Crimson Circle, upperclassman honorary. Don Phipps became a member of Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising honorary. Ralph McBride has been taken into the National Collegiate Players' honorary society.

This year marks the initial appearance of a production called "Mikado," by the combined efforts of the men's and women's glee clubs. A pledge, through hard work, has been elected to sing the leading role. Gilbert Behrend and Thomas Meade are also members of the glee club.

With the close of the football season, basketball is fully under way. Robert Gough, Elmer Leaf, and a sophomore pledge answered the coach's call, and have all been retained on the squad. Gilbert Harms is learning the technique of the game, while acting as varsity basketball manager. Two pledges on the frosh squad are working hard for positions.

The Sig Eps will be strongly represented in intramural basketball this season. Practically the same team that finished high last year is back, with the addition of several pledges to bolster the offensive side of it.

This fall found Robert McCord, Leon-

ard Johannes, and a sophomore pledge donning football togs. Walter Wyrick and John Stevens were assistant football managers.

In the mat sport the veteran, Kenneth Driskill, and Roy Talkington are our representatives.

Four pledges, namely, Harold Alhskog, Dan Embree, Robert Davis, and Milton Horn have been initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon. The first three named are numeral men, while the latter is active in campus activities.

So far this year the social events have been a big success. To start with, the pledges put on a pirate dance for the members. This was the best ever. Two "firesides" have also been on the social calendar. Then not to forget the big time, the Sig Ep fall informal, with the clever red and purple lighting effect and other features.

ELMER M. LEAF.

WASHINGTON BETA

THE opening of the winter quarter finds Washington Beta with thirty-one actives and twenty-five pledges. By the time this article is published a good percentage of these pledges shall be members of Sigma Phi Epsilon as our formal initiation will be held the latter part of January.

About a month ago the question for intramural debate, "Resolved, that the pass-and-fail system be instituted at the University of Washington instead of the present system," was announced. Twenty-five houses were entered, Girton Verick and Robert Burns representing our chapter. They were successful in winning their first two debates from Sigma Alpha Mu and Delta Upsilon. This puts the boys in direct line for intramural debating championship which they have an excellent chance of winning.

The first event on the social calendar for the coming season is the formal to be held February 11 at the Seattle Tennis Club on the shores of Lake Washington. Brother Douglas McCoy is also busy arranging for two exchange dinners with prominent houses, one to precede the formal and the other to follow.

The house is well represented in intramural boxing and wrestling. Lee Ackley is university boxing captain and 125-pound champion. The other men who go to make up our pugilistic delegation are Floyd Gouchnour, Louis Fitzgerald and four promising pledges.

We are represented in crew by Wm. Wohlmacher, Verick, Gouchnour. Lee Wuthenow and two pledges are out for frosh crew. Wolmacher rowed No. 7 in the varsity shell at Poughkeepsie. Wuthenow made his numerals as frosh coxswain last spring and has an excellent chance of being a three-year letterman.

Norman Sonju and Albert Schuss are now on the university coaching staff. The boys are both three-year letter men and former captains of their respective sports. Sonju is assistant crew coach and Schuss basketball; they are having wonderful success and big things are expected of the two men.

MONTANA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

OREGON ALPHA

MANAGER of the second transcontinental debate tour to be taken by this school and the youngest forensic manager ever at Oregon State is the distinction of Jack West of Oregon Alpha. Three debaters, West, the manager, and the varsity coach will make the trip.

The tour is considered one of the most extensive ever arranged by any college or university outside of those of the annual Oxford teams from England. Fifteen contests have been arranged with the outstanding colleges and universities in debate work over the country including schools from California to Montreal. The team which will leave Corvallis February 11 will tour the southern states, including the Universities of Alabama and Florida, and then up to Washington, D. C., coming back through the middle west.

At Washington, West and another member will go to Montreal, Canada, to compete there with the University of Montreal. Several day stopovers have been scheduled for the men to see the country as they tour. While in Washington the team, coach and manager will be presented to President Coolidge through Senator McNary of Oregon. They will also visit the supreme court and be guests at one of the sessions of Congress. By way of variety the team plans to go on one of the west coast ten-passenger air liners from Portland to Los Angeles.

When the team returns to San Francisco at the completion of the tour, the three debaters and coach will return home, while West will go to Los Angeles for two

weeks. There he will be at the Pacific Coast Forensic League Conference, March 27, 30 and 31, as student delegate from Oregon State College, returning home about April 5.

The first transcontinental debate tour ever taken by this school was also managed by a Sig Ep, Robert Kerr. That tour extended to the far east also. Kerr is now in the law school at the University of Michigan.

Besides being forensic manager, West is very active in other lines of work. He is a junior in commerce, specializing in advertising. He is a member of Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary in forensics, Alpha Kappa Psi, national honorary in commerce, and Alpha Delta Sigma, national professional advertising fraternity. He is a member of Oregon State Ad Club, and president of the Oregon State Aero Club. He won his letter in debating last year and has been debate manager of his class for the last two years. West organized and is now manager of crew at Oregon State. The school now has all necessary equipment and a good waterway for what promises to be one of the leading sports. West has started the new sport along so that this school will in a few years be competing with other schools of the country.

MARSHALL WELLS.

OREGON BETA

OREGON Beta started the term with the return of Ralph Bates and Sanford Martin, and with the pledging of two live-wire freshmen.

At this time we are turning our attention to Dad's day, a tradition at Oregon. Banquets, athletic contests and smokers are being prepared to bring fathers closer in contact with the work and pleasures of their sons and of college life.

We are proud of the fact that we have a well-balanced chapter this year. We are represented in all fields of campus activities, every branch of athletics, and have two editors on the campus publication. Richard Syring, Phillip Livesly, Neil Chinnock, and William Barry represent us on various important student-body and class committees. Clarence Curtis is going fine in university dramatics, and a pledge is on the freshman debating team. Frank Reid, a letter man, and William Doyle, are out for the swimming team. Reid hopes to represent the university in eastern meets this spring. Ralph Bates, Harold Kinzel and a pledge are working hard

at spring football. Bert Surry and Roy Gurnea performed consistently on the varsity cross-country team last fall and we are expecting great things from them next spring.

After losing the first game, the Sig Ep basketball team romped over everything this year, and, although only runner-up, was easily the best team in the tournament. Our handball team placed in the first division. We will be strongly represented in wrestling, boxing, and swimming this term.

Harry Dutton, a letterman in baseball, was recently initiated into Alpha Delta Sigma, honorary journalism fraternity. Harry is interested in sports writing.

January 20 the upperclassmen are giving an informal dinner dance at the chapter house. About eighteen couples are expected to attend. The brothers have been rating formals, informals and dinner dances, for February 25 is the date of our informal dance.

While the grade sheet for last term is not out yet, we are confident that we are up toward the top of the list in the men's fraternity division.

ROY A. GURNEA.

TENTH DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

WITH registration for the second semester of the present academic year out of the way, California Alpha has on her roll forty-one active men. We expect to pledge two or three new men which will make just about enough to fill the house.

Two men made their big "C's" in football this year. Elmer Gerken and a pledge who was California's outstanding center, in fact, he played 357 minutes during the season which was equalled by one other player and that was the captain of the team. One pledge made his numeral on the freshman eleven at center.

With five men from the freshman class turning out for basketball Sigma Phi Epsilon will be well represented on the University of California "frosh" squad. Some of these men are the best ever turned out from their section of the country.

In the past California Alpha has made her best showing in track. Post season's outlook shows that we should still hold our own in this activity. With Charles Giguere running the hundred and twenty, John Kabelitz in the broad jump,

Jim Allen in the high-jump, Bert Adams in the sprints, it looks as if we should have a very successful year and should go a long ways in track. One of the pledges has to date beat out all competition in the javelin, both on the varsity and "frosh" squads.

When the turnout for crew is called, Al Rylander will take his old position at No. 5, Hubert Caldwell at bow, and Ike Ely will try out for one of the starboard positions. One of the pledges will stroke the first freshman boat provided he goes like he did last fall.

Eric Stanford will turn out for baseball and we are all backing him to make his big "C" as he is now a senior. Last year Stanford was unable to try out for the team due to a bad arm, but it is all right now and he is anxious to don the uniform. Among the freshmen we have three men who look as if they could play a good game of baseball and if past records count for anything one of these men should make his numeral.

In the line of publications Lawrence Andrews has made good at circulation manager of the "Pelican" this year and has increased the circulation of the magazine to a point to which it has never reached before. Jess Dalziel has maintained his position with the Daily Californian for three semesters now and is getting in line for a very good position on the publication of this paper.

The house formal will be given around the first part of February this year, but as yet no arrangements have been made. Our last dance turned out to be a grand success. This dance was "black and white," everyone was required to wear black and white, and at the same time the house was decorated to carry out this effect. The dance lasted until one o'clock then refreshments were served which put the finishing touches to a very enjoyable evening.

At the present time, we have not received the results of our scholarship standing. We do not expect it to be very good due to the grades that have come in at the first of the year. Although we hope it will be some improvement over last semester, every effort is now being made to prevent any such marks coming in as did last year. This is being done by appointing freshmen advisors and a scholarship committee.

On the twenty-first of February, California Alpha of Sigma Phi Epsilon will hold formal initiation.

H. HENNESSY.

In Memoriam

MAJOR EDWARD D. ARNOLD

Edward D. Arnold, New York Alpha, died in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, November 20th after an illness of several weeks. He was stricken with lympho-sarcoma at the zenith of his powers after having



EDWARD ARNOLD

made a record of conspicuous success in his various undertakings.

He was born in 1886 in Hiawatha, Pennsylvania. After completing high school he entered Syracuse University in 1909 where he became a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon of which he was a loyal and active member until the

time of his death. Following his graduation from Syracuse he taught in secondary schools in Lysander, Gouverneur and Ithaca until 1917. Prior to the entry of the United States in the World War he had taken military training at Plattsburg, New York, and upon the declaration of war in April, 1917, he immediately enlisted and was sent to the officers' training camp at Madison Barracks, New York, where three months later, he received the commission of captain of infantry and was assigned to Camp Dix. In May, 1918, he sailed for France with the 78th Division as regimental personnel adjutant of the 309th Infantry and two months later was made division personnel adjutant. In this position he served through two major actions at Oise-Aisne and Meuse-Argonne. For five months he was in the army of occupation in Germany where he became major adjutant general.

After his discharge from the army, Major Arnold entered Prentice-Hall Co., Inc., New York, engaged in publishing business digests, books and magazines. In a short time he had risen to the position of editor of the Business Digest. At the same time he was engaged as a lecturer of certain classes in finance in New York University. In this work the demands upon his time became so great that he gave up his position with Prentice-Hall Co. and gave his entire time to the university. At the opening of the present academic year he was to have been a member of the committee

of admissions for the university and he had developed a new course in budgets which he was to have begun last fall. Taken ill he went to Bellevue Hospital for observation and treatment, never to leave.

Since his active membership in the fraternity he has been an interested alumnus of his chapter and took an active part in the New York Alumni Chapter. His funeral was largely attended by fraternity members as well as members of the American Legion. He leaves a wife, Elsie L. Arnold, and two children who reside at 41-22 Farley St., Elmhurst, L. I.

RALPH A. GILL

Ralph A. Gill, North Carolina Beta, was accidentally killed September 19th in a most unusual and distressing accident which occurred in his home in Holdrege, Nebraska, where he was superintendent of a plant owned by the Western Public Service Company.

Brother and Mrs. Gill had arisen in the morning and were dressing at the time the accident occurred. He stepped into a closet for a garment and somehow a revolver was dislodged from a shelf in the closet, falling to the floor and discharging a bullet which struck him in the neck, ranging upward into the head. He fell between two trunks from which his wife could not extricate him and neighbors had to be summoned. He expired shortly after being lifted from the closet. He had been using the revolver the previous evening and returned it to the shelf in a holster.

In falling it struck upon the hammer causing it to discharge.

Brother Gill had recently located in Holdrege, Nebr., after having lived in El Paso, Texas, where the body was taken for burial. He held a responsible position with an unusually good salary for the territory in which he was located. He was an engineer by profession and graduated in civil engineering from North Carolina College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts where on February 3, 1911, he was initiated into North Carolina Beta of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He was a Mason and a member of other fraternal organizations. Surviving him are his wife and two boys, aged ten and seven respectively.

SILAS COLIN DOUGHERTY

Silas Colin Dougherty, North Carolina Beta, 1923, died at Asheville, North Carolina, May 29, 1927, after an illness of three years. At the time of his death he was twenty-five years old. He had been ill since a year after his graduation from North Carolina State College.

JOSEPH SHOLES BRADLEY

Joseph Sholes Bradley, West Virginia Beta, was killed in an automobile accident near Richmond, Virginia, on November 3, 1927. He was a member of the graduating class of 1927 at West Virginia University. At the time of his death he was attending Richmond Medical College.

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Frank W. Haggerty, Washington Beta, to Olga Hadelton, Phi Mu.

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Robert Easley Blankenship, Virginia Zeta, to Adelaide Noell.

Harold Sever, Kansas Gamma, to Leona Hagan. At home in Omaha, Nebr.

Henry Tetz, Oregon Beta, to Dorothy Hodgkins.

Eugene Richmond, Oregon Beta, to Fay Cooley.

Gilbert Hermance, Oregon Beta, to Jeannette Sheets.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ray Douglas (Kansas Gamma), a daughter.

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